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1:1 **31'** Cawley

1:2 **45'** Sammon



STARTING XI

- 1** DOWIE
- 8** BERRY
- 5** THOMSON
- 4** WHITSON
- 3** REDPATH
- 20** CONGALTON
- 6** BARFOOT
- 11** GREGORY
- 10** HANDLING
- 19** SOMERS
- 14** HENDRY

SUBS

- 2** HARE
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- 13** BRENNAN
- 15** HARRIS
- 16** HALL
- 23** STEWART
- 24** TAIT

SUBS

- 21** BURT
- 3** DEVENEY
- 5** GRAHAM
- 10** RODDEN
- 14** VIRTANEN
- 19** BUCHANAN

STARTING XI

- 1** MORRISON
- 2** TAGGART
- 15** MCKAY
- 6** NEILL
- 20** O'DONNELL
- 7** CAWLEY
- 8** ROBERTS
- 12** SCOUGALL
- 26** COULSON
- 18** SAMMON
- 16** ROY

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SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

1921/22

RUNNERS UP

1938/39

SCOTTISH LEAGUE 1 RUNNERS UP

1976/77 1981/82

1984/85 1988/89 1999/00

2001/02 2009/10 2012/13

2016/17

SCOTTISH LEAGUE 2 WINNERS

1997/1998 2011/2012

CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

1999/2000

RUNNERS-UP

2001/02 2014/15

STIRLINGSHIRE CUP WINNERS

1904/5 1907/8 1908/9

1912/13 1920/21 1924/25

1933/34 1946/47 1955/56

1957/58 1959/60 1965/66

1981/82 1996/97

MOST CAPPED PLAYER

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
HAMILTON ACCIES	15	11	3	1	34	7	27	36
FALKIRK	14	10	4	0	31	9	22	34
COVE RANGERS	14	7	4	3	22	15	7	25
KELTY HEARTS	14	6	3	5	22	21	1	21
MONTROSE	14	6	2	6	22	21	1	20
ALLOA ATHLETIC	14	5	2	7	17	23	-6	17
STIRLING	14	4	2	8	10	24	-14	14
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	15	4	1	10	17	28	-11	13
ANNAN ATHLETIC	14	2	4	8	18	30	-12	10
EDINBURGH CITY	14	2	3	9	18	33	-15	9

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

LEAGUE 1

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

CHAMPIONSHIP

RAIH ROVERS	PARTICK THISTLE
AIRDRIEONIANS	DUNFERMLINE
ARBROATH	GREENOCK MORTON
DUNDEE UNITED	AYR UNITED
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PREMIER LEAGUE

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

LEAGUE 2

BONNYRIGG ROSE	PETERHEAD
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27/02/1998



DEFENDERS

Scott TAGGART

27/12/1991



Euan DEVENEY

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

ANDY GRAHAM



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





MANAGER'S NOTES

Firstly I'd like to welcome John Rankin and everyone from Hamilton Academical to the Indodrill.

Thanks to the Alloa Board for giving me the opportunity to make my first steps into management. In my career as a player I always gave it everything I had and management will be no different.

The players have been outstanding in their efforts in training. It's a fantastic group and that attitude is what will be needed to have a successful season.

Paddy has been a great help and I'd like to welcome Niall Marshall to the coaching staff.

Finally thank you to all the Alloa fans for their support

and that's what the players will need in the coming months. I want to build a closer relationship with the players and fans and you support is vital to any success

All the best
Andy



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JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium for our first home fixture this season against Hamilton Accies FC, welcome to their First Team Coach John Rankin and his assistant first team coach Darian MacKinnon, the players, officials, and directors of Hamilton Accies FC.

Last Saturday 2nd December our Cinch League One game against Annan Athletic was postponed due to the heavy snow overnight. Tickets already bought will be valid for the rearranged Annan Athletic fixture, although we can refund those who can't attend. The only Cinch League One game which was able to go ahead was today's visitors Hamilton Accies who defeated Queen of the South 5-0, to return to the top of the league.

Similarly, the Alloa Athletic Women's friendly against Hibernian U18's on Sunday 3rd December also fell victim to the weather, however they hope to be back in action, tomorrow Sunday 10th December when they face East Fife Development in another friendly, Kick-Off 4pm. The Alloa Athletic Women's squad, currently sit third in the BIFFA SWFL West League, are now looking to recruit a dynamic manager to continue the steady improvement and take things forward to the next level. We are pleased to announce that our Development Officer, Jonny McPhee, will assume interim charge of the team during the recruitment process. His knowledge and commitment will guide the girls until the appointment of a new manager.

On Monday 11th December

we will hold our ninth 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, having trouble with memory, and is open to all including football supporters, family and friends. At all the meetings we have had good turnouts, thanks to the 25 people who attended the November meeting, 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 11th December at Indodrill stadium, at 11.30 - 2.00 O'clock, slightly longer due to the Festive Theme for this month all are welcome, the Guest Speakers on the day

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This festive period, we will welcome older people who may be feeling lonely or isolated to the Recs to enjoy a hot Christmas lunch, on Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th December, fun and games, and importantly, companionship. Learn more: spfftrust.org.uk/festivefriends

Just the present every Alloa Athletic fan will want for Christmas - The History of Alloa Athletic book, which celebrates the club's 100 years in the Scottish League, Over 660 pages in A4 size covering League Tables, Results, and Player Appearances since the club joined the Scottish League in 1921. The book will be sold via the club with profits going directly into the club. The book can be ordered direct from the club for £ 29.95. Orders can be placed directly on the club website alloaathletic.co.uk or visiting the club shop and placing order. Also available is "Diary of a Season 2022/23". This book is £ 14.99, Diary of a Season 2022/23 continues where the History of club book ends.

will be ex Alloa Athletic players Arthur Grant & Chris Townsley.

Wasps 2000 Draw - Week 48
2nd December, 2023

- £ 100 0026 W.Rennie
- £ 50 1028 R.Ferguson
- £ 25 0605 J.Frew
- £ 25 0292 J.Cook
- £ 25 1373 R.Wilson

Rainbow Laces - SPFL campaign weekend - Friday 8th December - Sunday 10th December 2023 (Stonewall's full UK campaign fortnight is 25th Nov - 10th Dec). Since 2017, the SPFL has joined other high profile UK football organisations such as the Premier League, the EFL and Sky Sports in supporting Stonewall's

Rainbow Laces campaign, which promotes LGBTQ+ inclusion in sport. During the campaign weekend, the SPFL will post messages of support on central social media channels.

Festive Friends is back for 2023 - times are tough for many at the moment, but Christmas is always an especially difficult period for the most-isolated and vulnerable people in our community. Whether it's knocking doors with hampers or being treated to a hot meal, the SPFL Trust and its associated trusts and clubs will come together to make magic happen.

The Wasps Community Club are taking part in Festive Friends!



JONATHAN MARKWELL



RICE'S RECORD

A month is a long time in football, with the Wasps having moved into a fresh new era under the management of Andy Graham since the surprise departure of Brian Rice to Livingston precisely one month ago today. With Rice's former team Hamilton in town today, it feels like an appropriate time to reflect on Rice's eventful twenty-one-month spell as Alloa manager.

The early days of Rice's tenure were entirely positive, rejuvenating a disjointed squad who couldn't respond to the demands placed upon them during Barry Ferguson's ill-fated

reign. Rice brought the feel-good factor back to the club, playing positive football to win five of the final seven games of the season to jump up to fifth place in the table. Rice's personable and enthusiastic tone got players and supporters engaged in a more positive manner, with last season's run to the promotion play-offs built upon always chasing victories (typified by the high proportion of late goals) and never getting stuck in a rut of defeats. Highlights included the four successive victories at the end of August and throughout September, the four dramatic victories secured with winning goals in the final

five minutes of matches and the nine-game unbeaten run in league games at the Recs, a feat not achieved since 2017. Of course, the wheels spectacularly fell off in that already infamous play-off semi-final second leg against today's opponents, but in overall terms it was a positive season for the Wasps.

This time around Rice had found it more difficult to pick up results, with several close games which last season bounced in Alloa's favour going against the Wasps this season, with late goals making such defeats that extra bit painful (Hamilton and Montrose away spring immediately to mind). Coupled with

several heavy defeats (twice to Falkirk being especially one-sided affairs), there were more than a few voices being raised amongst the support about Rice's future. The 2-0 derby victory away at Stirling however felt like it could be a turning point in Alloa's season, with the Wasps dominant throughout and that potentially being a launchpad for the rest of the campaign. As such, for that to transpire as Rice's last game in charge was a surprise nobody honestly saw coming. Moreover, for Brian himself to make the move and for it to be from a managerial role to a coaching position, albeit one back in the full-time game and back in the top division, made it on first thought a bit of a head-scratcher. However, upon further reflection Rice's clear love for coaching (Alloa was just Rice's second role as a No. 1, having been an assistant or coach for two decades) and desire for day-to-day interactions at this stage of his career (having turned 60 in October) made the move easier to understand.

It meant Rice became the sixth Alloa manager in the past decade to move on from the Wasps into a full-time job, emulating Paul Hartley (who resigned, but soon pitched up at Dundee), Barry Smith (who moved to Aldershot Town shortly after ending his Alloa days), Jack Ross and Jim Goodwin (both headhunted by St Mirren) and Peter Grant (who moved to Dunfermline having left the Wasps). Therefore, as well as the conveyor-belt of players moving from the Recs to the full-time game, there's evidently a managerial route too!

From a statistical perspective, Rice's overall win record of 45% is impressive and compares

well with other Alloa managers. In Rice's first half-century of games, his 50% win rate at the time was only bettered by Paul Hartley (52%) of all Wasps managers from the past three decades. It was a record which clearly out-shone other third-tier level Alloa managers like Terry Christie (46%), Tom Hendrie (38%), Jim Goodwin (36%) and Allan Maitland (34%). That level dropped this season (29%), but an overall 45% win rate is still impressive when you consider Dundee famously said a few years ago that they'd only seek to recruit a manager with at least a 40% win rate!

It is fair to say that Rice divided opinion amongst some of the fan-base in terms of his style of play and in-game decision making. My own personal viewpoint was that I largely enjoyed the way Rice went about his business and was interested in all the tactical tweaks and changes in systems employed during games, which often had a positive impact from my viewpoint. That flexibility

in formations (a back three or four, the differing balance in the midfield, but without fail a front pairing, with a 'number 10' in behind too) made the Wasps more difficult to play against and was undoubtedly a forward thinking move to help Alloa win matches, rather than nullifying opponents. However, critics would strongly suggest that the constant tinkering was counter-productive (particularly with part-time players having little time on the training ground and there being merit sometimes in keeping it simple) and players being employed out of position being a specific pet-hate for some. Some also questioned whether always playing with two or three players in forward positions was justified on every occasion, but I was certainly fully behind the manager on that one as goals win games after all. I was also a fan of Rice's undeniable passion for his role, which he demonstrated in his post-match interviews on countless occasions. Looking from afar, you could certainly sense that he'd channel that emotion



through to his players and it evidently worked on plenty of occasions. Conversely though, Rice's superpower of living and breathing the game also became a weakness on occasions too with part-time players.

Rice can nevertheless point to helping several players return to full-time football under his watch. Ross MacIver, George Stanger and Daniel Church all got moves back to full-time clubs after impressing last season. In general, Rice's recruitment was impressive, with his breadth of experience meaning his eye for a player at whatever level (from Bradley Rodden via the exit trials to young loanees from the biggest clubs in the country) had a better success rate than many of his predecessors. There are question marks over some of his summer signings this time around, but that's the life of a football manager! He also got a lot more out of individual players in his squad than the previous manager, such as Conor Sammon's 19 goals last season and trusting Stefan Scougall to play in a central role

being two prime examples.

However, in my opinion, one area where the Wasps didn't excel last season, in comparison with previous seasons, was in terms of the output from loan signings. Perhaps the Wasps have been spoilt in recent seasons by the amount of stardust young loanees sprinkle on Alloa sides, but last season the loanees didn't have as big an impact as their predecessors. Alloa certainly didn't make the most of the considerable talent Kieran Offord showed in glimpses during the first half of the season, with his return to St Mirren in January weakening Alloa's attacking options for the rest of the season. In the past, the loan players became indispensable members of the squad, but last season most were solid enough without being standouts, which Alloa require to edge ahead of full-time sides.

In overall terms I think Rice's spell with the Wasps can be recorded in positive terms. Having inherited an underperforming squad, Rice immediately stabilised and improved the team,

reaching the promotion play-offs in his only full season with the club. We'll now never know how this season would have turned out under Rice, with some clear early season signs of concern which meant the jury was certainly out on how the Wasps will have fared. He certainly finished on a high, though, with a derby victory and never once gave anything less than 100% for the club too. A word of appreciation for his assistant Kenny Brannigan too, who was never short of some encouragement to the players on the sidelines.

I'll leave the final word to Rice's own reflections, as told to the Alloa Advertiser's Chris Faulds shortly after making his move to West Lothian: "First and foremost, it's been fantastic. It's been a brilliant 21 months that I've had at Alloa, I couldn't have asked for any-more It's a fantastic club with great, loyal, honest people at it. It gave me a new lease on life, it gave me my hunger back. I have lots and lots to thank Alloa for and I think it's a two-way thing as well. Where we were when I came in and where we are now, I think the club's improved, I've left it in a better place. That's all a manager can do is try and leave the club in a better condition than when they arrived there, I believe I've done that. It's a big wrench to leave but it's a decision I had to make." Most tellingly in my view, Rice also opined, "I think it's the right decision I've made, both for me and I think it's the right decision for Alloa at this time." I'm sure everyone connected with the Wasps can agree with those sentiments, wish Brian well at Livingston and hope the club can reach new heights under his successor Andy Graham – another man with an Accies connection!





Rice's Combined record	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Win %
21/22	10	5	2	3	16	13	50.00%
22/23	46	23	6	17	71	64	50.00%
23/24	17	5	2	10	21	37	29.41%
Total	73	33	10	30	108	114	45.21%

Rice's League record	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Win %
21/22	10	5	2	3	16	13	50.00%
22/23	38	18	6	14	59	52	47.37%
23/24	12	4	2	6	16	20	33.33%
Total	60	27	10	23	91	85	45.00%

Rice's Cup record	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals For	Goals Against	Win %
22/23	8	5	0	3	12	12	62.50%
23/24	5	1	0	4	5	17	20.00%
Total	13	6	0	7	17	29	46.15%



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	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	Pts
St Johnstone	18	11	2	5	35	12	27
Cowdenbeath	19	9	3	7	33	16	25
King's Park	19	10	5	4	35	26	24
Albion Rovers	18	9	4	5	38	22	23
Bathgate	18	8	3	7	25	17	23
Stenhousemuir	18	6	3	9	25	17	23
Forfar Athletic	18	8	5	5	22	20	21
Johnstone	18	8	6	4	26	22	20
Dunfermline Ath. ...	19	7	6	6	22	21	20
Dundee United	18	7	5	6	18	20	20
Bo'ness	19	7	6	6	27	28	20
Armadale	19	8	7	4	21	26	20
Dumbarton	18	7	9	2	20	24	16
Alloa	19	7	10	2	24	27	16
East Fife	19	6	10	3	17	25	15
Vale of Leven	18	5	9	4	19	29	14
Broxburn United ...	18	5	9	4	21	29	14
St Bernards	19	3	9	7	23	33	13
Arbroath	18	4	12	2	17	29	10
Lochgelly United ...	18	2	14	2	7	33	6

NEW OPTIMISM IN THE WEE COUNTY

The season of goodwill was on the horizon and the Wasps were on the up. Alloa had made a poor start to season 1923/24 and hopes of an immediate return to the top-flight seemed to be doomed before even Halloween had arrived. But suddenly three wins on the bounce - two of them against title chasing opposition - had brought new optimism to football fans in the Wee County. Those victories had been achieved despite the defection of centre-forward R.McIntyre, who had packed his bags and headed for America almost

immediately after signing for the Wasps, the second Alloa attacker to make that move inside six months. The club had raised the matter at the SFA where there was sympathy but confirmation that Alloa had no grounds for recompense. As the Wasps prepared to face Vale of Leven there was press speculation that another new striker would be tried in Alexandria. There was further movement out of the club on the eve of the game too with Daniel Craig signing for East Stirlingshire. The teenager had arrived during the First Division campaign after

his goalscoring exploits with Camelon Juniors, but the step up had been too much for the youngster and he had found himself very much on the periphery at the Recs. After an unsuccessful trial with Bo'ness, Craig now had the chance to make a fresh start with the Shire in the Third Division. Another aiming for new beginnings was midfielder Arthur McNally, who been retained by the Wasps without agreeing a contract before subsequently being left in limbo by an SFA ban on his prospective transfer to Clyde. The latest word was that McNally

would now be free to make a switch in the New Year – with Alloa hoping to finally cash in on his departure.

Back in Alexandria the Wasps did indeed take to the field with a trialist leading the line as they aimed to make it four wins on the trot against the struggling Vale. It was the home team who started the stronger though and the press reported that they were well worth their 1-0 half-time lead. Mick Connaboy levelled for Alloa early in the second period but “the Vale always had a bit in reserve” and goals from Welsh and Browning secured a 3-1 win. It was back to the earth with a bump for the Wasps.

Bottom of the league Lochgelly were ideal next opponents and goals from Paterson and Trialist had

Alloa 2-0 ahead at the break. A rare Lochgelly attack saw the Fifers pull a goal back and Alloa keeper Crawford leave the field injured. Defender James Headrick went between the sticks as Crawford was patched up. On his return “Alloa simply toyed with the opposition”, Connaboy sealing a 3-1 win.

The Wasps were back at the Recs on Tuesday afternoon for a rescheduled match against St Bernards. The first attempt at playing the game the previous month had seen the match abandoned due to heavy snow with Alloa a goal behind and conditions were once more far from favourable as the Edinburgh Saints returned to the Wee County. Indeed, with snow on the ground and sleet falling throughout, the game again appeared to be in doubt. The poor weather and early

midweek kick-off resulted in a very poor crowd of 300 but the loyal fans were treated to another fine Alloa performance. Mick Connaboy was a man in form and he put the Wasps in front and then added a second after St Bernards had equalised. Trialist James Lennie of Arniston Rangers then took his chance to impress with a brace of his own. A late St Bernards goal pulled it back to 4-2 but it was another excellent result for the Wasps who now had five victories in their last six games. Lennie's goals were reported as “first-rate efforts” and he also had an assist for Connaboy's second goal. It was no surprise when he was signed up ahead of the trip to Johnstone – perhaps with an assurance that he had no imminent plans to relocate to the United States.

Johnstone were also a team in form but Alloa's run had lifted them to a position where the promotion race was no longer out of sight; a win coupled with favourable results could take the Wasps to within five points of 2nd place. Crawford was still struggling after the knock sustained against Lochgelly and he was replaced in goal by local lad Bowie. The Wasps got off to a flier, Lennie again on target, but Johnstone levelled with a penalty before the break. A second penalty after the break sealed the points for the home team. It was another disappointing result just when Alloa appeared to be building some momentum. Next up was a challenging trip to take on league leaders St Johnstone in Perth, with Alloa knowing that they desperately needed points if they were to have any real hope of staying in touch. 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	8 (1)	0	4 (0)	0	12 (1)	0	8 (1)	9
BURT	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
OGAYI	GOAL	6 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	8 (1)	0	6 (1)	0
TAGGART	DEF	12 (2)	1	2 (0)	0	14 (2)	1	241 (2)	12
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	12 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	14 (3)	0	22 (2)	0
NEILL	DEF	11 (0)	0	5 (1)	1	16 (1)	1	11 (0)	0
DEVENEY	DEF	9 (2)	0	3 (2)	0	12 (4)	0	9 (2)	0
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BRIAN ROACH



A FAN'S VIEW

Due to the sudden early morning snowfall, last Saturday's match against Annan was unfortunately postponed. But prior to that, it had been a very eventful few weeks at the club. Brian Rice departed as manager to join the Livingston coaching staff right before the Queen of the South program had gone to print—leaving no time to really address this major announcement in that edition. The news came as a major surprise at the time but has likely worked out for both parties. Obviously, I am completely unaware of the opinions within the confines of the boardroom, but prior to that derby match at Forthbank, there was mounting tension in the air amongst some of the fanbase. Had that match ended in defeat, I feel there would have been a vocal backlash from a

section of the support. There is an expectation that Alloa should compete for those promotion playoff positions, and results in the first quarter of the season were viewed as disappointing. Although fortunes can turn very quickly in a ten-team league, Alloa has probably underachieved in terms of results so far based on the squad of players at the club—albeit with a great deal of football still to be played.

We will never know how this season would have developed under Brian Rice following this tricky start, but he was able to sign off at the club with a dominant derby victory and depart with a good record overall as a manager. He arrived in February 2022 following Barry Ferguson's departure. In Ferguson's final

match, Alloa lost to the basement club East Fife—not only the result but the manner of defeat left me slightly concerned the club was hurtling towards a relegation dogfight at that point. Rice immediately revived the team's fortunes, steadied the ship, and led Alloa to a final position of fifth—above near neighbors Falkirk. After a turbulent season, this was a credible position and a really good achievement personally for Brian Rice. In Rice's first and only full season at the helm, he guided Alloa to the promotion playoffs—with a steady improvement on the previous campaign. This was achieved with some breathing space too. The playoffs ended badly with a collapse at Hamilton, of course, but I don't think that can necessarily fall at the manager's

door—Alloa simply ran out of fit players that day. Overall, I thought he was very likable, and I enjoyed his approach and philosophy on the game. The tinkering of the team was perhaps a bit frustrating at times but ultimately, he rescued Alloa from a fairly sticky situation with potentially disastrous ramifications before achieving what was expected last season as a likely target.

Paddy Connelly took temporary charge for the Queen of the South match (our last game here four weeks ago) as Alloa looked for a successor to Rice. By my rough calculations, I have this listed as Paddy's sixth spell as caretaker manager—but I'll leave Jonathan Markwell to one day produce his magic when it comes to overall stats, win percentage, etc., of Alloa's long-serving assistant manager/first-team coach. Paddy did manage to add another win to his caretaker CV, though—all the more vital as it was the first occasion this season that Alloa has achieved back-to-back league victories. It was a deserved win, for despite the narrow result—with Ally Roy grabbing the headlines as the first Alloa player since the 1960s to score in each of his initial four games at the club.

The Queen of the South match provided no real insight into the next man at the helm, even following a halftime wander through the main stand to review any interested "spectators." Nevertheless, the popular choice amongst the majority of the support was the man appointed. Andy Graham has been repeatedly touted as a future Alloa manager as far back as Jim Goodwin's time as manager at the club. He's been put forward by the supporters seemingly on every occasion

the vacancy has opened since—but in terms of timing, it's probably perfect now as he winds down his playing career. Supporters seem universally happy with this appointment—unsurprisingly so. He is a hugely popular figure and based on his leadership skills has the raw tools to give management his best shot. The fans will also provide Andy with a degree of patience through his development process—of course, with the hope that he follows the likes of Hartley, Goodwin, and Ross to become a success.

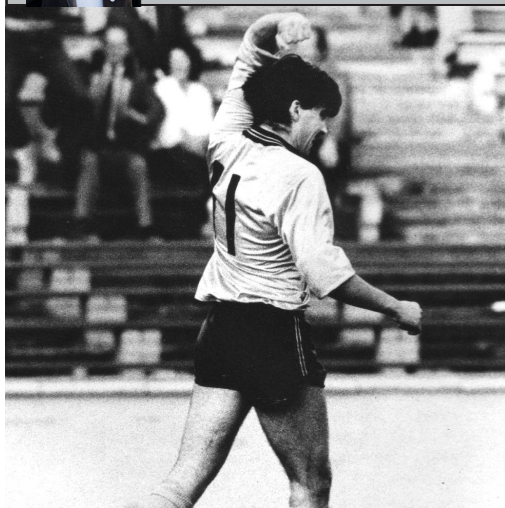
Unfortunately, Andy didn't get off to a great start with the defeat at Edinburgh City three weeks ago. It was undoubtedly a bad day at the office. Andy's post-match interview made me feel a bit better about the outcome. I agreed with his assessment mainly—I thought we started the game really well, and Edinburgh's opener was certainly against the run of play. But ultimately, if you can't create too many openings in the final third while conceding at the other end, games will be lost. It was a much better experience the following week at Dunbar in the Scottish Cup—both on and off the pitch. Dunbar United's facilities were excellent. The rugby and football clubs are situated in the same facility, with a large clubhouse with both bar and food on offer. With the rugby team playing in the morning, there was definitely a core of fans who were keen to see how their football counterparts fared. The clubhouse was packed pre-match but remained very welcoming. Their stadium, New Countess Park, was just as busy. Alloa was their highest-ranked opposition ever, and the locals turned up to back their team towards another Scottish Cup upset. Alloa was also affected by injuries to key players such as Stevie Hetherington and David Devine. Hetherington

would have undoubtedly been the first name on the team sheet in anticipation of a midfield battle. In addition, Bobby Wales and Taylor Steven were ineligible, so there were plenty of enforced changes for the new manager to consider. The hosts played very well in the game and made Alloa work hard. Had the tie required extra time, we really couldn't have had too many complaints. Again, Alloa lost a goal against the run of play in the opening half, but crucially got themselves back on level terms fairly quickly. A goal on the stroke of halftime by Conor Sammon put the onus back in Alloa's favor—and despite some nervy moments towards the end, they held on to progress to the next round. Kevin Cawley was a starter for the first time in a while. This was not a vintage team performance by any means, but Cawley was a real standout—it was great to see him playing with the shackles off once again. The introduction of youngster Steven Buchanan gave Alloa an out ball as the pressure told towards the end. They had just enough quality to edge out their hosts—and while it was a bit nervy at times, I thoroughly enjoyed the experience at Dunbar a fortnight ago.

League leaders Hamilton visit us today—topping the table by virtue of playing the only match in League 1 last weekend as the weather decimated the fixture card across the country. A 5-0 win over Queen of the South threw down the gauntlet to championship rivals Falkirk, and they will come into today's game full of confidence as a result. Alloa was unfortunate to lose the reverse fixture back in September—level pegging going into the closing stages they looked like they may leave with all 3 points. However, Joe McGlynn's stoppage-time winner left the Wasps empty-handed.



ANDREW COCKBURN



LOOKING BACK 14TH DECEMBER

1991

It was "as you were" at the top of the Premier Division, where leaders Hearts maintained their two-point advantage thanks to a 3-1 home win over Motherwell, while second-placed Rangers were triumphant by the same scoreline at lowly Falkirk. Celtic remained third after an emphatic 4-0 win over another of the strugglers, St. Mirren at Celtic Park, fourth-placed Hibs were 3-0 winners at another side in the doldrums, Airdrie, while fifth-placed Aberdeen crushed St. Johnstone

4-1 at Pittodrie. Rock-bottom Dunfermline picked up only their seventh point of the campaign from a 0-0 draw at sixth-placed Dundee United, but were still well adrift, and even at this stage looked certainties for the drop. St. Mirren, whose own position was starting to look rather perilous, remained just place above The Pars, then came Airdrie and Falkirk. In the First Division, leaders Dundee were held 0-0 at Morton, who remained seventh, but still held a fairly healthy four-point lead over second-placed Hamilton Accies, who defeated struggling

Forfar 2-1 at home, while The Accies also held a game in hand. Third-placed Kilmarnock maintained their own challenge with a 3-0 win at Clydebank, while at the other end of the table, Forfar remained rooted to the bottom, and winless now for seven games. The Loons second-bottom local rivals Montrose meantime, were involved in a vital basement clash with third-bottom Meadowbank, and a 2-2 draw meant no positional change for either club come full-time. Down in the Second, the top game was undoubtedly at Boghead, between lead-

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ers Dumbarton hosted second-placed Cowdenbeath, and the game ended in stalemate at 0-0, which meant The Sons maintained their four-point advantage at the top. Clyde stayed third in spite of a 1-2 defeat at East Stirling, who moved up to sixth, while East Fife retained fourth spot after a 3-1 home win over lowly Berwick. Alloa meantime, still languishing in mid-table, met fifth-placed Stranraer at Recreation Park, hoping no doubt for a win to help push them up into the leading pack, and The Wasps relied on the same line-up which had crushed Hawick Royal Albert 7-1 at home in the first round of the Scottish Cup the previous week: Jim Butter, Willie Newbigging, Robert Lee, Stuart Romaines, Keith McCulloch, Colin Campbell, Barrie Moffat (John Irvine), Steve Ramsay, Shaun Smith, Mike Hendry, Neil McAvoy. And it was Alloa who emerged victorious by 3-1, thanks to goals from Mike Hendry & Stevie Ramsay (2), Cook netting for the visitors, and the win meant that The Wasps displaced The Blues from fifth place. But there was no joy for Alloa's local rivals Stenhousemuir, who remained in last place after they could only draw 1-1 at home with fellow strugglers Albion Rovers. South of the border, Leeds moved two points clear at the top of the First Division after a 1-1 home draw with mid-table Spurs, but second-placed Manchester United had the chance to regain top spot when they visited another mid-table London side, Chelsea, the following day.

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In the Premier Division, leaders Aberdeen's 4-0 home win over Hibs moved them a point ahead of second-placed

Hearts, and with a game in hand over their fellow title challengers. The Jambos were held 1-1 at home by another of their title rivals, Celtic, who remained fourth, while 1-1 was also the outcome at Ibrox, in the clash between third-placed Rangers & Dundee United, who stayed in fifth place. In the "basement battle" at Fir Park, Motherwell defeated fellow strugglers Clydebank 3-0, but still remained in last place, with The Bankies still just one place better off. There was a change of leadership in the First, where Hamilton Accies took over top spot after an incredible 5-4 win at Alloa, this after having trailed 2-3 at the break, but managed by John Lambie, they were never giving up, Thomas O'Neill, Joe Reid, John Brogan and John McNaught (Who the following season signed for Chelsea) scored a brace were The Accies marksmen, while Mick Jamieson were on target for The Wasps, whose line-up was as follows: Ronnie Lowrie, Gary Thompson, Larry Haggart, Ken Thomson, Bobby Dall, Jim Donaldson, Stuart Sorbie, Bobby Barr, Mike Jamieson (Gary Murray), Frank Lynch (Paul Kelly), Frankie Cole, even although Alloa lost this game it is still one of my favourite games from the past, both teams had winners on the park - Frankie Cole for Alloa and John McNaught for Hamilton who got the "Man of the Match" which was rare giving to an opposition player especially when an Alloa player, Frankie Cole scored a hat-trick for the home side. John McNaught was immense and one of the main reasons Accies won the league title that season. The previous leaders



Kilmarnock dropped to second after a 1-4 defeat at struggling Montrose, Forfar remained third after a 2-1 home win over Falkirk, while Alloa dropped two places to tenth. In the relegation zone, Morton gained some relief with a 2-0 home win over Brechin, thanks to goals from Holmes and McNeil (pen), and this resulted actually lifted The Ton up one place off the bottom. Ayr, 0-4 home losers v Airdrie, dropped to last place, while Montrose, in spite of their success, remained third from bottom. There was no change at the top of the Second, where Dunfermline's narrow 1-0 home win over lowly Stranraer kept them a point ahead of second-placed Queen of the South, who were victorious by the same scoreline at another of the strugglers, Berwick. Third-placed Arbroath were held 2-2 at home by mid-table Raith, Meadowbank's 2-1 home win home over struggling East Stirling lifted them up to fourth, while St. Johnstone were now fifth after 4-2 win at rock-bottom Albion Rovers. English First Division leaders Manchester United were 3-1 victors at struggling Aston Villa, a result which saw The Red Devils move five points ahead of second-placed Liverpool, who were beaten 0-2 at Arsenal.

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This afternoon Andy Graham takes the Alloa team for the first time at home against his former club, Hamilton Academical. The visitors come to the Indodrill sitting top of the table following 3 consecutive victories in the league. Most recent one of those was a 5-0 thumping of Queen of the South which seen them leapfrog their league rivals, Falkirk. Despite having played a game more than the Bairns, it is setting up to be an extremely exciting title race. Following their relegation last season in the play-off final against Airdrie, John

Rankin has his sights firmly set on returning at the first time of asking to the Championship. Having fallen out the domestic cup competition in November, to Raith in Challenge and Kelty in the Scottish Cup, it means that all their priorities can lie in the league push.

THE BOSS – JOHN RANKIN

Accies are currently managed by former midfielder, John Rankin. The central midfielder had a successful career in mostly Scotland's topflight. He did, however, start his career at

Manchester United and spent time out on loan in Brazil with Corinthians. In 2003 he returned to Scotland to play for Ross County and spent the rest of his career in his homeland. The majority of his playing days were spent at Tannadice with Dundee United from 2011 to 2016. Outside of playing, Rankin has always been forward thinking, notably being PFA Chairman during his time at United. Towards the end of his playing career Rankin took a youth coaching position with Heart of Midlothian. He moved to Hamilton Academical as assistant head coach





game for the club against Montrose. Since leaving Alloa he had a spell at Queen's Park, before making a switch out of Hearts on a permanent basis in the summer. He had been at the club for 7 years after signing for the u15's team. This season he has rekindled that form he had at the Indodrill scoring 6 goals and bagging 5 assists in 13 appearances.

ONE TO WATCH – KEVIN O'HARA

For the one to keep an eye upon, The Wasp has gone for another former Wasp striker who is currently lighting it up for Accies. Kevin O'Hara is the club's top scorer. Similar to Henderson, O'Hara bagged 14 goals for the club but arguably more impressive as it came in the Scottish Championship. He was the hero of many a game under Peter Grant, with winners against the likes of Dundee United. Since leaving Alloa he played his part in winning this division with Dunfermline Athletic but was unfortunately released on their

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in December 2021, and was promoted to the position of head coach in June 2022.

THE CAPTAIN – SCOTT MARTIN

The man with the armband is midfielder, Scott Martin. The 26-year-old began his career as a young player at Celtic but made his senior breakthrough in the capital with Hibernian. Loan spells at the Angus clubs with Forfar and Arbroath followed before making the permanent switch to Hamilton in 2018. During his time, he has notched over 160 appearances for the club playing across 3 separate divisions. Despite central midfield being his position, statistics show that he has played in every position for the club, except goalkeeper, which showcases his versatility. This season he played 22 times, with a goal and an assist to his name.

NEW BOY – EUAN HENDERSON

John Rankin certainly caught the eye this summer with an impressive summer transfer window. One of those names was Euan Henderson. Well known to the Alloa faithful, Henderson had a successful spell for the club in 2021/22 season. Signed by Barry Ferguson, Henderson scored 17 goals that year, including a remarkable 4 goals in his final



BY KIEREN MOONEY

promotion. Moving to Hamilton seems to have been the right move as he has continued his goal scoring exploits and continues to cause defenders in this league problems. Fresh off a brace last week against Queen of the South, he will be chomping at the bit to continue that form against his former club.

THE CONNECTION

As mentioned, Henderson and O'Hara provide their former teammates plenty of food for thought in today's fixture. Both enjoyed successful times at Alloa and are on a great run of personal form. Also returning to the club is another former Alloa striker who fits the mold of the two mentioned. Dario

Zanatta, another former loanee, enjoyed time at Alloa in 2018/19 scoring 8 goals. He currently sits on 3 for the season at Accies. As mentioned, manager, Andy Graham, spent a season at Hamilton in 2010/11. Adding to that list of current Wasps who have played for Hamilton is Miko Virtanen. The Finnish midfielder spent 2 years at the club, making 24 appearances. Following the departure of Brian Rice, the Wasps did share a former manager with the opposition until recently.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The sides have already met once this season and it was a cruel end for Alloa that afternoon in September. Euan

Henderson opened the scoring for the home side just after the half-time break, before a Luke Donnelly strike brought the sides level. However, there was to be a late twist in the tale as Joe McGlynn knocked home the winner in the 93rd minute to steal all the points. Last season in the play-offs also led to heartache for Alloa. Following a 1-0 first leg win here at the Indodrill, again thanks to Donnelly's goal, there was to be more drama in the 2nd leg. The 2nd leg finished 5-2, however, that only tells half the story with Alloa decimated by injuries and red cards. Connor Sammon and Stefan Scougall got the goals for the Wasps that day but Andy Winter's hat-trick and Zanatta's brace was enough to put Accies in the final.



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BRIAN ROACH



THEY PLAYED FOR BOTH TEAMS

RAYMOND JELLEMA

Hamilton 2002-2007, Alloa 2007-2009

Alloa have been blessed with some excellent goalkeepers in more recent eras, with the likes of Scott Bain, Neil Parry and Jamie MacDonald all starring in successful Alloa teams in the not too distant past. Whilst the late 2000s ultimately produced leaner success on the pitch, goalkeeper Ray Jellema's 2 year spell at the club was a memorable one, and he remains highly regarded by the Alloa support.

Starting his career at today's opponents Hamilton as a youngster, Jellema ironically made his senior debut against Alloa. On 4th October 2003, he was introduced as a half time substitute

for Dave McEwan (who also had a short spell here) at New Douglas Park. The young keeper was on something of a hiding to nothing, with Alloa 3 goals to the good at the break. Hamilton did embark on a second half comeback but in the end the Wasps left with the 3 points- hanging on to win 4-3. Youngster Jellema remained understudy to McEwan at the club until finally making his breakthrough in season 2006/07. He made the number one jersey his own in Hamilton's Division 1 campaign, but eventually lost his place to Sean Murdoch in February that season. He made 20 appearances overall before joining ex manager Allan Maitland at Alloa in summer. Jellema quickly resolved the goalkeeping issues that had bothered Alloa for a

couple of seasons prior. He was a pivotal part of the Alloa team who reached the promotion play-offs in 2008.

Despite Jellema's heroics they succumbed to Clyde in the semi-finals after a 5-3 Broadwood defeat. He retained his position as number 1 keeper the following season, but it was a less successful campaign. The team looked to be under a cloud following the previous season's play-off collapse and languished in the lower half of Division 2. However, in the penultimate game of the season Jellema produced arguably his finest hour at the club- pulling off two world class saves against title challengers Ayr at Somerset Park. Alloa picked up the point required to consolidate in the division, costing Ayr their chance of winning the league in the process. Jellema departed Alloa that summer- moving to the Democratic Republic of Congo through work. He played at an unknown level before moving back to join Peterhead in 2011- facing Alloa that season in the Third Division. He went onto play for Elgin following his spell at Balmoor before focussing on his career away from football.

BRIAN CARRIGAN

Hamilton 2003-2006, 2008; Alloa 2009-2010

Wasted talent or lower league genius- whatever your opinion of Brian Carrigan, supporters of Alloa and Hamilton will admit he was a terrific watch in both black and gold and red and white. Carrigan made his name at Clyde as a youngster in the late 90s before earning a move to Stokport County at the turn of the millennium. His stint

at Stockport ended rather controversially (google is your friend), and he moved back north for short stints at Clydebank, Clyde again and Raith Rovers. He joined Hamilton in the summer of 2003 for their promotion charge from Division 2. His opening season at Accies was an eventful one, scoring 16 goals and picking up a couple of red cards as Accies were promoted after finishing runners up to Airdrie United. Carrigan was less prolific in the following two seasons, but remained a key player as Accies performed well in Division 1. His appearance tallies were also fairly respectable, but nevertheless Carrigan ended up at junior side Linlithgow Rose in the summer of 2006. He led the club to success with a league and cup double, and appeared to have sorted out his off field problems when he rejoined Hamilton two years later. The second chance at Accies was a false dawn though, and within months Carrigan was back at the Rose. His desire to play senior football and link up with old manager Allan Maitland brought him on loan to Alloa in early 2009, before signing a permanent contract that summer. His home debut against Ayr in 2009 was a Carrigan masterclass, scoring twice in a 3-2 Alloa win. The following season he started strongly, forming a great partnership with Greig Spence prior to his transfer to Celtic. In late August he scored the winner in another memorable performance against former club Clyde. But by the years end off field issues arose once again. His appearance in the Scottish Cup against St Mirren in January was his final for the club. His spell at Alloa was brief, but in flashes he showed his class and ability. He saw out the remainder of his career at junior level, never lasting too long at any club he

joined- including a 2013 spell at neighbours Sauchie.

STEVEN MAY

Alloa 2011/12, Hamilton
2012/13

Whilst striker Stevie May undoubtedly made his name initially as a youngster at Recreation Park, his loan spell at Hamilton the following season was arguably even more pivotal in his upwards career trajectory. May's time at Alloa of course is well documented- arriving from St Johnstone on loan having just turned 19, he scored 19 goals in 22 appearances to play a massive part in Alloas Third Division championship win. The following season his parent club loaned him to First Division Hamilton to further develop his talent. Although the Accies finished in 5th position that season, May handled the step up in standard

with ease. His record at Hamilton perhaps even eclipsed his Alloa exploits- 26 goals in 35 appearances. He returned to St Johnstone and became an ever present in their starting lineup- scoring domestically and in Europe on 27 occasions as St Johnstone finished the season lifting the Scottish Cup. His performances won him a Scotland cap against England followed by a big money move south to Sheffield Wednesday. Injuries curtailed his time in England and he returned north to join Aberdeen. Now back at St Johnstone, he has scored against both of his former loan clubs as a Saint. He scored a double against Hamilton in a 5-3 Scottish Premiership win in October 2020, and against Alloa on his return to Recreation Park earlier this season- his only league goal to date this campaign.

HT QUIZ

- 1. NAME THE TWO FORMER ALLOA PLAYERS TO SCORE AGAINST THE WASPS FOR HAMILTON THIS CALENDAR YEAR**
- 2. CELTICS LAST CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE WIN CAME AGAINST WHICH CLUB IN 2017?**
- 3. WHAT WAS THE FULL TIME RESULT THE LAST TIME GERMANY FACED SCOTLAND AT A EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS TOURNAMENT?**
- 4. SCOTLAND PREVIOUSLY OPENED A MAJOR TOURNAMENT FINALS- NAME THE COMPETITION, YEAR, STADIUM, OPPONENT, AND RESULT**
- 5. NINE PLAYERS HAVE BROKEN THE £100M MARK FOR TRANSFER FEES- HOW MANY CAN YOU NAME?**
- 6. WHICH CLUB HAS THE LOWEST POINTS TALLY IN ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP HISTORY**

ANSWERS PAGE 37

MIDFIELDERS						
HETHERINGTON	CAWLEY	ROBERTS	SCOUGALL	VIRTANEN	O'DONNELL	ROBERTSON
4	7	8	12	14	20	25
90	30	30	90	60		
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FORWARDS									
DONNELLY	RODDEN	STEVEN	CANNON	SAMMON	BUCHANAN	RANKIN	ROY	COULSON	WALES
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QUIZ ANSWERS

- DARIO ZANATTA, EUAN HENDERSON
- ANDERLECHT
- GERMANY 2 SCOTLAND 0 (1992)
- WORLD CUP 1998, STADE DE FRANCE VS BRAZIL (2-1 DEFEAT)
- NEYMAR (BARCELONA TO PSG £198M), KYLIAN MBAPPE (MONACO TO PSG £163M), JOAO FELIX (BENFICA TO ATLETICO £112M), ENZO FERNANDEZ (BENFICA TO CHELSEA £107M), ANTOINE GRIEZMANN (ATLETICO TO BARCELONA £107M), PHILIPPE COUTINHO (LIVERPOOL TO BARCELONA £105M), JACK GREALISH (ASTON VILLA TO MANCHESTER CITY £100M), DECLAN RICE (WEST HAM TO ARSENAL £100M), MOISES CAICEDO (BRIGHTON TO CHELSEA £100M)
- DERBY COUNTY (11 POINTS IN 2007/08)





ALLOA ATHLETIC



HAMILTON ACCIES

#	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 ANDY GRAHAM

REFEREE: Colin Steven

#	POS				
	1		RYAN FULTON		
	2		JOSH O'BRIEN		
	3		JACKSON LONGRIDGE		
	4		LEE KILDAY		
	5		JAMIE HAMILTON		
	6		JAMIE BARJONAS		
	7		EUAN HENDERSON		
	8		SCOTT MARTIN		
	9		KEVIN O'HARA		
	10		DARIO ZANATTA		
	11		LEWIS SMITH		
	14		MARLEY REDFERN		
	15		CONNOR MURRAY		
	16		KYLE MACDONALD		
	17		JOEL MUMBONGO		
	18		DYLAN MCGOWAN		
	19		ANDREW WINTER		
	20		JOE MCGLYNN		
	21		DYLAN TAIT		
	22		REGHAN TUMILTY		
	23		CHRIS MCGINN		
	24		MICHAEL HEWITT		
	26		CIAN NEWBURY		
	27		LIAM MORGAN		
	31		JAMIE SMITH		
	33		STEPHEN HENDRIE		
	51		JOSH LANE		

MANAGER JOHN RANKIN

ASST: Barry Reid & Scott MacGregor

ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

16.12.23, BALMORAL STADIUM, 15:00

	COVER RANGERS		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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23.12.23, INDODRILL STADIUM, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		MONTROSE
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30.12.23, NEW CENTRAL PARK, 15:00

	KELTY HEARTS		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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6.01.24, INDODRILL STADIUM, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		EDINBURGH CITY
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13.01.24, PALMERSTON PARK, 15:00

	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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