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1981/82 1996/97

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
FALKIRK	16	12	4	0	36	11	25	40
HAMILTON ACCIES	17	11	4	2	35	10	25	37
COVE RANGERS	16	8	4	4	26	18	8	28
MONTROSE	16	7	2	7	24	25	-1	23
KELTY HEARTS	16	6	3	7	23	24	-1	21
ALLOA ATHLETIC	16	6	3	7	19	24	-5	21
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	17	6	1	10	24	30	-6	19
STIRLING	16	5	3	8	14	26	-12	18
ANNAN ATHLETIC	16	2	5	9	20	34	-14	11
EDINBURGH CITY	16	2	3	11	20	39	-19	9

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

LEAGUE 1

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

CHAMPIONSHIP

QUEEN'S PARK	DUNDEE UNITED	DUNDEE UNITED
RAI TH ROVERS	AYR UNITED	AYR UNITED
AIRDRIEONIANS	GREENOCK MORTON	GREENOCK MORTON
ARBROATH	DUNFERMLINE	DUNFERMLINE
PARTICK THISTLE	INVERNESS CT	INVERNESS CT

PREMIER LEAGUE

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

LEAGUE 2

EAST FIFE	BONNYRIGG ROSE	BONNYRIGG ROSE
DUMBARTON	CLYDE	CLYDE
PETERHEAD	FORFAR ATHLETIC	FORFAR ATHLETIC
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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



Taylor STEVEN

17/09/2004



Kurtis ROBERTS

06/09/1994



Stefan SCOUGALL

07/12/1992



Alistair ROY

26/05/1997



Conor SAMMON

06/11/1986



Steven BUCHANAN

26/03/2003



Miko VIRTANEN

29/01/1999



Cameron O'DONNELL

29/09/2001



Quinn COULSON

01/09/2003



Bobby WALES

23/06/2005



Jon ROBERTSON

25/04/1989



ANDY GRAHAM



MANAGER'S NOTES

I'd like to welcome Stewart Petrie and everyone from Montrose to Alloa today.

Since our last home game against Hamilton we managed a 2-1 win up at Cove. The players attitude was fantastic and they showed great belief to be pushing for the win so late on. A big thanks from all the players and staff for the support last Saturday

at home and to the hardy group who travelled up to Cove to enjoy a last minute winner, seeing Santa and a priest celebrating with the players is what football is all about and I hope it made the journey worthwhile.

Today's match will be a tough one, Montrose were excellent against Kelty in the last game and are in the play off spot on merit

so we will have to be at our best to get the results we want.

Finally I'd like to take this chance to wish everyone associated with Alloa FC a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it comes.

Best Wishes

Andy

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JOHN GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium for our first home fixture this season against Montrose FC, welcome to their manager Stewart Petrie, assistant manager Ross Campbell, the first team coaches Sean Dillon & Iain Campbell, the players, officials, and directors of Montrose FC.

Our Cinch League One game against Annan Athletic which was postponed due to the heavy snow overnight on Saturday 2nd December, 2023, has now been rearranged for Tuesday 13th February, 2024, Kick-Off 7.45pm. Tickets already bought will be valid for the rearranged Annan Athletic fixture, although we can refund those who can't attend. Please note we are also due to play Annan Athletic at Galabank on 3rd February, 2024.

Alloa Athletic FC have a new physiotherapist, Scott Anderson an Advanced Level MSK Physiotherapist with over ten years' experience in professional and semi-professional football. Scott joins the club from Edinburgh City where he has been for last five seasons, welcome to the club Scott.

RECENT GAMES ON 23RD DECEMBER

23rd December, 2022 v. Clyde (A) 2-2 Scott Taggart, Kieran Offord

23rd December, 2017 v. Stranraer (H) 1-0 Ross Stewart

23rd December, 2008 v. Cowdenbeath (H) 2-2 Greig Spence, Hugh Kerr

On Monday 11th December we held our ninth Football Memories Group in conjunction with

Alzheimer Scotland and Football Memories Scotland part of the Memories Scotland network. This was a Christmas Themed meeting with a visit from "The Gringe Santa" we had an excellent turnout, thanks to the 35 people who attended, 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 12th February, 2024 at Indodrill stadium, at 11.30 - 1.00 O'clock, please note there is no meeting being held in January, to allow me more time to furnish my Alloa Athletic Football Memorabilia Unit which I hope to have open by Easter 2024.

Wasps 2000 Draw - Week 50
16th December, 2023
£ 100 0930 G.McKay



£ 50 0439 H.Snaddon
 £ 25 0638 K.Scott
 £ 25 0160 A.McGregor
 £ 25 0466 M.Carmichael

The Wasps Community Club took part in Festive Friends! When they welcomed older people who might have been feeling lonely or isolated to the Recs to enjoy a hot Christmas lunch, which took place on Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th December, fun and games, and importantly, companionship was shared. Learn more:

spftrust.org.uk/festivefriends. This was a great success with "The Wee County Santa" visiting and Stevie Preston from the Station Bar, serving hot meals to the guests. Well done to Jayne Lindfield from the Wasps Community Club.

Just the present every Alloa Athletic fan will want for Christmas - The History of Alloa Athletic - 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.





JONATHAN MARKWELL



GROWING REPUTATIONS AFTER THE WASPS

Ross MacIver has been receiving plenty of plaudits this season after moving from Alloa to Falkirk in the summer. Eleven goals in twenty-four appearances for the table toppers actually equals the number of goals the striker had managed in his four previous seasons with Motherwell, Morton, Partick and Alloa combined. Amongst those praising MacIver have been sections of the Alloa support, although some must be scratching their heads a little at the sight of MacIver banging in the goals for the Bairns having never been remotely as prolific for the Wasps. MacIver therefore joins a select clan of former

Alloa players whose reputation amongst the Alloa fanbase arguably grew larger once they had actually left the club. To clarify this, I'm not necessarily referring to players who have gone onto better things after moving on from the Recs, but specifically those who may have possibly been a little underappreciated with the Wasps faithful, but in time are perhaps more fondly remembered.

MacIver was certainly valued by his team-mates and large sections of the Alloa fanbase in his loan spell at the end of the 2021/22 season and the entirety of the last campaign, although a number of supporters ultimate-

ly felt MacIver's goal return was poor (6 strikes last season). To a degree you would have to agree with that specific point, but MacIver's game was much more than being just about goals and he was very much a facilitator and 'unsung hero' of Brian Rice's teams. MacIver created space for others and his headed flick-ons were another particular feature of his play, while his tireless running off the ball was another quality. Perhaps most crucially, MacIver is playing in an entirely different role for Falkirk than he was at Alloa. In John McGlynn's set up, MacIver is at the fulcrum of the team, being the big, strong focal

point at the top of the pitch and complimenting the dangerous wide forwards Falkirk possess. In contrast, MacIver never played as a central lone frontman for Alloa, owing to Brian Rice's preference for two central strikers and, in-fact, MacIver largely played in the 'number 10' role behind the strikers, with that withdrawn position more than anything explaining his lower goal return with the Wasps. When Ross left the club there were plenty of signs which pointed to his presence being missed by Brian Rice's side earlier this season, with his aerial prowess and how he linked play being particularly evident. Early in the season, some supporters therefore came to better appreciate the values Ross added to the Wasps attacking play. The fact that MacIver is simultaneously excelling across the River Forth has made that a little galling at times. MacIver's confidence in front of goal has also clearly blossomed this season, whereas there were times last season when he was acutely short in that department. All you can say now is fair play to the striker and hopefully his fine season can continue, except against the Wasps naturally!

The first player who springs to my mind of players whose reputation amongst the Wasps fanbase grew after leaving Alloa is Iain Flannigan. This isn't to suggest that Flannigan wasn't appreciated while he played for the Wasps between 2013 and 2020, as he was revered by the Wasps faithful for a long time. In seven seasons with the club, Iain made 221 appearances, scored 36 goals (including 10 free-kicks, most notably those against Hibs and Dundee United x2), was a four-time Championship survivor and won promotion in

2017/18 (and was in the Team of the Season that campaign too). However, that legendary status has only grown in my opinion since his departure from the Recs. I'd suggest that there's a few reasons for that. First, Flannigan's shock retirement in 2020 meant for the Alloa support his departure was premature, leaving the fans wanting more of the midfield maestro. Linked to that, not having the chance to give him a proper send-off, exacerbated by the global pandemic, is perhaps another factor in Alloa fans having rose-tinted spectacles about Flannigan's fantastic contribution to the club. Furthermore, the combined facts of not seeing the best of Flannigan in his first couple of seasons at the club due to injury, and him then playing arguably the best football of his career in his last couple of seasons (almost being a conductor of an orchestra at times from a deep-lying central midfield role), together with his replacements unfortunately not being half the player Flannigan was, all joined together to mean the legend of

Flannigan continued long after his exit. It's not just the fans who fully appreciated Flannigan either, as he is regularly name-checked by his fellow pros as players they most enjoyed playing alongside too.

Infamously, I consider trialist striker Hervé Ebanda to be another former Wasp whose reputation lived on in legend amongst the Alloa faithful once he had passed through the Recs. This one is admittedly a little tongue in cheek, as Ebanda's Alloa career was limited to a single 25-minute substitute appearance in a disappointing 2-0 home defeat to Forfar Athletic in February 2005, in a match which saw future Wasp David McClune score both goals for the Loons. Ebanda failed to impress in his cameo with Wasps, having been given a chance by Wasps boss Tom Hendrie after leaving Raith Rovers, where the frontman had been one of a number of ill-fated signings during Claude Anelka's notorious time in charge at Stark's Park. Ebanda's final appearance for



Rovers had ironically come against Alloa a month earlier, as the Second Division Wasps knocked First Division Raith out of the Scottish Cup in Kirkcaldy. Anelka had already departed at that point, with his replacement Gordon Dalziel downcast after the game “We have no quality and no money so my hands are tied. Our keeper could not save a corner for the first Alloa goal (John Ovenstone actually headed in Ian Ross’ corner), then gave away a cheap penalty for the second (converted by Brown Ferguson). So, in effect, we put Alloa into the next round.”

Ebanda departed the Recs after just a single appearance as a trialist on the hallowed turf of the Recs for the chance of a deal in Switzerland, before returning to France and then spending a number of years playing in the Philippines (including for Green Archers United) until his mid-thirties. However, his legend in Clackmannanshire never diminished over the years, with the message boards always awash with hope of a return for Ebanda whenever a new striker

was rumoured to be about to sign. My fellow ‘The Wasp’ contributors Donald Pollock and Brian Roach were certainly ‘Ebanda enjoyers’, quick to name-check his short but sweet spell with the Wasps! Ebanda is definitely another Wasp with a certain place in the heart of some Alloa supporters, which given his time with the club was so short means it has only grown as time has passed.

Curious as to what Hervé is up to these days, a quick google search confirms that as recently as 2020 he was back in Paris and still involved in the beautiful game. Unfortunately, Ebanda is too old to play these days, but he is now the President of a footballing academy, delightfully named ‘Centre de formation de football de Paris’ or CFFP for short. It would appear that CFFP has teams for aspiring players from the ages of 6 to 17 in the French capital city, with reports of youngsters gaining trials with Spanish side CD Leganés (with President Ebanda in the photographs naturally!). Thanks to google translate there’s also a



heartfelt rallying call from President Ebanda at the start of the global pandemic in 2020:

“In this period of global health insecurity which weakens us all as much as we are, we need to cling to a common project, that of the club. It must allow players to achieve their personal goals through their strength of character, with the help of educators and families... Let us also remember that the club which has enjoyed so much notoriety must also regain its own, its letters of nobility, its glory, in the interest of our children”.

Looking through the list of officials at CFFP I raised a wry smile that the ‘Technical Directorate’ is none other than a certain Claude Anelka, but as President of the youth academy Ebanda now has a seniority over his former boss from almost two decades ago!

My final example of a player whose star grew amongst the supporters after leaving the Wasps was 2006/7 season loan striker Javier Payo. The temporary signing from Hamilton only ever played 7 games for the club and scored a single goal (the winner on his debut up at Peterhead), but his strong and skilful play impressed everybody at the Recs and it was a disappointment when Allan Maitland couldn’t



persuade his loan to be further extended. Payo was never truly replaced in the Alloa team that season, with St Johnstone loanee Neil McCallum struggling and Chris Mackie blowing hot and cold despite scoring 5 goals in 15 appearances (including a never to be forgotten slow-motion overhead kick at Forfar). The fact that Maitland turned to defender Michael Bolochowecyj to play upfront was the biggest indicator at how the Wasps missed a striker of Payo's calibre. As such, for me, he's another player whose reputation amongst the supporters grew after leaving the club. Aged 21 at the time, Payo soon returned to his Spanish homeland and thereafter enjoyed a successful, albeit distinctly nomadic, career around the Spanish lower leagues thereafter (see Wikipedia for a list of Payo's club, which

might be an even longer list of clubs than Mark Docherty has enjoyed!), aside from another spell further afield in Switzerland.

I am sure other supporters will have their own examples of players they appreciated more

after leaving Alloa than during their actual time for the club, but I'll leave you to get all misty eyed about your own personal favourites in your half-time or post-match discussions!



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Stenhousemuir	20	9	2	9	31	16	27
Cowdenbeath	21	10	4	7	37	20	27
Bathgate	20	10	3	7	33	19	27
Albion Rovers	20	9	1	7	40	24	25
King's Park	20	10	5	5	36	27	25
Johnstone	20	9	7	4	26	22	22
Dunfermline Ath.	21	8	7	6	24	23	22
Bo'ness	21	7	6	8	29	30	22
Armadale	21	9	8	4	24	28	22
Forfar Athletic	20	8	7	5	24	27	21
Dundee United	19	7	6	6	19	22	20
Alloa	21	8	11	2	26	31	18
Dumbarton	20	8	10	2	21	27	18
East Fife	21	7	11	3	20	28	17
Broxburn	20	6	10	4	25	32	16
St. Bernard's	21	4	10	7	26	36	15
Vale of Leven	20	5	10	5	20	31	15
Arbroath	20	4	14	2	19	33	10
Lochgelly United	20	2	16	2	8	40	6

OLD SCORES AND TRIALS UNDERFOOT

'ST JOHNSTONE HAVE OLD SCORE TO WIPE OUT WITH ALLOA'. That was the headline 100 years ago as the Wasps travelled to take on the Second Division leaders in Perth. Saints had only narrowly missed out on promotion to the top flight in 1922/23 and were determined to go one better this time out. Alloa were looking on enviously from the lower reaches of their table, their pre-season target of an immediate return to the First Division now looking extremely unlikely. But there was some hope for the Wasps. They had managed to

find some form as Christmas approached and would go to Perth with five wins from their last seven games. There was frustration about those two defeats against Vale of Leven and Johnstone, games in which Alloa just hadn't turned up, but the winning run had also included a home victory against St Johnstone, one of only two defeats suffered by the high-flying Saints.

The Perth public were enjoying their football – "enthusiasm has never been keener" reported the Evening Telegraph, and another fine crowd were present at the

Recreation Grounds as the teams took to the field. The home fans weren't used to seeing their favourites pinned back but that was exactly what happened as Alloa took the game to St Johnstone. "Up to half-time, the home backs and halves were struggling any-



JIMMY FLEMING ST JOHNSTONE

how and everyway possible to keep out the Alloa forwards" it was reported, and the Wasps took a deserved lead through Jock Stirling, the evergreen winger lobbing the keeper from a tight angle. Alas for Alloa, they were unable to land a killer blow and shortly after the break Hart levelled matters before Deuchar quickly made it 2-1 for the home team. Wood then limped off for Alloa with the Wasps making the bold decision to go with one man at the back as they chased the game. It almost paid off, Connaboy coming close late on, but St Johnstone held on to win 2-1. "Alloa came jolly near to creating a sensation... they had the Saints on toast for forty minutes of the first half", reported the Perthshire Advertiser. The local paper had praise – albeit with a couple of sly digs - for Jock Stirling, noting that on this occasion he had outshone young St Johnstone attacker Jimmy Fleming, the darling of the home crowd and future Scotland international: "The dangerous man in attack was Jock Stirling, who must have been playing football at a time when Fleming was a tiny toddler. Although shorn of some locks, Stirling is still a very useful winger". The Evening Telegraph added that "St Johnstone had their hardest struggle of the season for full points" but for all the praise, the defeat left Alloa nine points off second place and with almost no further margin for error.

The press were also reporting on the Scottish Cup draw with Alloa to face Highland League Buckie Thistle at the Recs in January. There were more pressing matters at

hand however, with the Wasps preparing to play Bathgate in the last game before Christmas. Bathgate were among the pack of sides battling it out just behind St Johnstone at the top and the Wasps would need to repeat their Perth performance if they were to have a chance at Mill Park. Lennie was ruled out and in came another new face at centre forward in local lad Gordon of Sauchie Thistle. It was the Bathgate number 9 who grabbed the headlines though, Forsyth firing in a first-half hat-trick to leave Alloa floundering. He added another after the break before new man Gordon pulled one back for Alloa. It finished 4-1 and with three defeats on the bounce Alloa's recent revival was well and truly over. "The Alloa halves were too anxious to help the forwards, and as a consequence, Crawford, Headrick and Sommerville were overworked, and on occasions overwhelmed", reported the Sunday Post. It made for plenty of festive cheer for Bathgate and things got even better for the home side's left-back Jasper Kerr, who

agreed terms with Everton after the match, but it was hardly the Christmas present Wee County folk were hoping for.

It was back to the Recs just before New Year as the Wasps welcomed Armadale. Snow was cleared from the pitch the day before the game and the surface was rock hard, but it was reported that the crowd of 3000 saw a fine contest, "despite the insecure nature of the footing". Alloa introduced yet another trialist, this time at outside right, and again their 'Newman' was on the score-sheet, firing home what turned out to be the winner with ten minutes remaining. The post-match reports identified the mystery man as Peter Neil, formerly of Hearts and Birmingham City, and he was said to have been one of Alloa's best players on the day. The Wasps had finished a challenging year with a positive result and would now begin 1924 with three games in five days, starting with Dunfermline at the Recs on New Year's Day. More in the next edition of The Wasp.



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J. STIRLING



TOM MCGREGOR,
Alloa.

APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		ALLOA CAREER LGE	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
MORRISON	GOAL	10 (1)	0	4 (0)	0	14 (1)	0	10 (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	14 (2)	2	2 (0)	0	16 (2)	2	243 (2)	13
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	13 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	15 (3)	0	23 (2)	0
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BRIAN ROACH



A FAN'S VIEW

What a difference a fortnight can make! Things are looking up at Alloa after two excellent recent performances - both against full-time teams and title contenders. The team is starting to look a lot more settled in recent weeks, and with two vital games against Montrose today and Kely Hearts next week, there are further opportunities to climb the table into promotion play-off contention.

When Andy Graham was appointed as manager, I felt he would need time and patience, and his status at the club will certainly ensure that occurs among the fanbase. But in the last couple of games, I've already noted some really encouraging elements. Overall, the team seems to have improved as a unit - there appears to be more balance

where everyone looks to have better awareness of their roles within the system. This looks particularly apparent in midfield with Kurtis Roberts, Steven Hetherington, and Stefan Scougall. Roberts has been Alloa's player of the season so far, but there looks to be far more structure in there now, and all three are complementing each other well. And it comes as no surprise individually that Kevin Cawley's impact on proceedings is far greater than it has been in some time. The wee man was excellent in both games, as well as the star performer in the cup against Dunbar United.

The playing squad remains fairly large, so it's difficult to really identify any areas where Andy will look to strengthen in the January transfer window. But there is no doubt his first

piece of business should be extending the loan of Bobby Wales. This kid has all the tools to be a real player. As it stands, he has yet to hit the net for the club, but other than this, he has been an absolute joy to watch at times. His first touch, ability to link play, and drift past players show why he is so highly rated at parent club Kilmarnock. He was very unfortunate not to break his duck against Hamilton a fortnight ago. His first touch let him down for a change when he ended up clean through on goal in the opening half, and he was so unlucky to strike the woodwork early in the second. I'm already relishing a partnership with Luke Donnelly once the big man fully recovers from injury. That could be really decisive in the second half of the season.

Hamilton arrived two weeks ago as league leaders having just defeated Queen of the South by five. But for eighty minutes, Alloa's performance was excellent, dominating large spells of the game. Ex-Wasp Dario Zanatta clipped the bar with a header early on, but Alloa had some great chances of their own through the aforementioned Wales as well as Taylor Steven and Quinn Coulson. Alloa dropped deeper in the closing stages, which was slightly worrying on the terraces - a draw was the least they deserved, and it would have been a sickener to lose a late goal. But it was understandable the players tired a bit given their efforts up to that point. A draw was perhaps a slight surprise, but Alloa had a lot of players available again following the Dunbar United Scottish Cup tie, and it was evident in the performance. You don't see such an enjoyable goalless draw all that often.

This was followed by the long trip north to face Cove Rangers last weekend. Alloa had beaten Paul Hartley's team back in September, but Cove hadn't lost in the league since

- drawing three and winning seven to rocket up the table into title contention. It wasn't as cold as you'd expect for a December game at New Balmoral Stadium...until the icy wind hit you like a Tyson Fury jab. As for the game, Alloa started fairly well, so it was a real downer when the hosts scored with essentially their first attack after 18 minutes. Defensively Alloa were a bit static, but full credit has to go to the league's top scorer Rumarn Burrell for an excellent finish. Barely anything else happened in that first period - both teams were trying to play a bit of football, but neither really took it up a notch. However, the second half belonged to Alloa. Bobby Wales came close with a volley, but the equalizer came just after the hour mark. Some brilliant interchange play from Cawley and Roberts opened up the final third. Cawley found Coulson in the area, and he slotted home - although from behind the goal, it appeared the Cove goalkeeper could have done a whole lot better. Alloa looked the more dangerous team and missed a couple of real gilt-edged chances, with Taggart mishitting his effort when clear in the box before

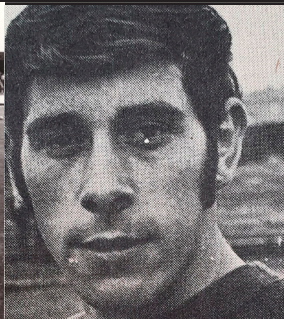
Scougall came agonizingly close to attaching himself to a glaring delivery across the Cove 6-yard line. When Cove exerted some pressure late on with a couple of set pieces, it would have been really cruel had they achieved any success. But in the last minute of stoppage time, Alloa launched one last attack. Sammons' lob to the back post was stabbed home by Taggart to send the small band of traveling supporters delirious. This was a huge 3 points against a team who couldn't have come into the fixture in better form.

That win sets Alloa up nicely for today's game. Montrose started the season a little slow but have gained momentum to sit in a strong position in the league. They were perhaps fortunate to defeat Alloa back in October, but I make my peace with it, seeing as they were probably due a win in matches between the clubs. My other article in the program shows that historically this fixture is kind to us at home. But we will likely need to emulate the performances of the last two weeks to best a decent Montrose team. Enjoy the match and have a great Christmas and New Year.





ANDREW COCKBURN



LOOKING BACK 21ST DECEMBER 1974

In Division One, Celtic's 3-1 home victory v St. Johnstone saw them move two points clear of their fierce local rivals Rangers, who went down 3-4 at Airdrie, but still retained second spot. Third-placed Hibs were 2-0 victors at struggling Arbroath, and there were goals galore at Tannadice, were Dundee United lost 3-4 v Morton, though in spite of this loss, the home side remained in fourth position. Aberdeen stayed in fifth place, despite being held 1-1 at home by Dunfermline, while sixth-placed Dundee also had to settle for a share of the spoils, after a 0-0 stalemate at Hearts. Morton's point from a 1-1 draw at Ayr was enough to lift them up one place off the bottom of the table, The Ton were replaced by Dumbarton, 0-1 home losers v Motherwell, while Arbroath still occupied third-bottom position.

Division Two leaders East

Fife enjoyed a 4-1 home win v Stranraer, while today's visitors Montrose remained in second spot, despite going down 0-1 v Albion Rovers at Links Park. By the end of the season Montrose were to finish in third spot, being topped by QOS on goal difference. However the clubs voted for change and after completing the 78th season of the Scottish Football League, the top six teams were promoted to the First Division after the creation of the Scottish Premier Division. Third-placed Queen Of The South had to settle for a point from a 1-1 home draw v Raith, while 1-1 was also the outcome at Douglas Park, in the clash between Hamilton and Brechin, though the point was still enough to nudge The Accies up into fourth position, in place of East Stirling, who went down 0-2 at St. Mirren. Berwick were now fifth, after a 2-1 win at lowly Queen's Park, while Alloa ended

a winless run of five league games, and as such moved up one place to thirteenth, after a 3-1 home win v luckless bottom club Forfar, thanks to a brace from Donnie Wilson, one from the spot, and another effort from Kevin Low. And The Wasps had lined up as follows: Stevie Anderson, Alex Totten, Billy Wilkinson, Brian McGarry, Ian Watson, Davie Miller, Kevin Low, Andy Campbell, Robert Russell (Jim Gillespie), Donnie Wilson, Billy Earl. "The Wasps" highlight of 1974 had been the 8-1 victory over Meadowbank Thistle in the first encounter of the clubs after the introduction of Meadowbank Thistle into the league. Alloa's goals were scored by Donnie Wilson 4, Jimmy Thomson, Billy Mitchell, Rab Russell & Alex Totten.

South of the border, Ipswich had gone top of The First Division, displacing Everton, after a

1-0 win at struggling Leicester the previous evening. And now Everton missed the chance to reclaim pole position, after a surprise 2-3 defeat v another of the strugglers, Carlisle, at Goodison Park. Thus The Toffeemen remained in second place, while Manchester City's point from a 0-0 home draw v Wolves was still enough to move them up into third spot. City displaced Liverpool, who slipped to

fourth, after a 1-3 defeat at Birmingham. At the other end of the table, Luton ended a winless run of eleven league games with a 1-0 home win v Derby, but The Hatters still propped up the table, while Leicester and Carlisle remained immediately above them.

In The Second Division, an historic occasion took place at Bootham Crescent, where York City and Manchester United crossed paths for the very first

time, and a 1-0 win for The Red Devils saw them extend their advantage at the top of the table to five points. Sunderland remained second, despite being held 0-0 at struggling Oldham, third-placed Norwich maintained their own promotion push with a 3-2 home win v Bristol City, while WBA retained fourth spot, after a 2-0 home win v local rivals Aston Villa at The Hawthorns.



COVERANGERS

1:2

ALLOA ATHLETIC



(1:0)
SCORERS

Burrell	18'	1:0
	1:1	62' Coulson
	1:2	93' Taggart



- 1** SUMAN
- 2** JONES
- 3** DOYLE
- 4** SCULLY
- 5** NIANG
- 6** GILLINGHAM
- 7** MCGOWAN
- 8** YULE
- 9** MEGGINSON
- 10** BURRELL
- 26** REYNOLDS

- SUBS**
- 23** ROBERTSON
 - 11** CONNELL
 - 15** DARGE
 - 18** MYKYTA
 - 22** GALLAGHER
 - 27** STEWART
 - 29** WILLIAMSON

- SUBS**
- 21** BURT
 - 3** DEVENEY
 - 19** BUCHANAN
 - 25** ROBERTSON
 - 18** SAMMON
 - 16** ROY
 - 10** RODDEN
 - 14** VIRTANEN
 - 5** GRAHAM

- 1** MORRISON
- 2** TAGGART
- 20** O'DONNELL
- 6** NEILL
- 23** DEVINE
- 4** HETHERINGTON
- 12** SCOUGALL
- 8** ROBERTS
- 7** CAWLEY
- 26** COULSON
- 28** WALES

JAMES PATTERSON



ALLOA ATHLETIC YOUTHS

Alloa Youth Phase has 2 teams, 16's and 18's, who compete in Advanced Youth Section of Club Academy Scotland Games Programme.

The Youth Phase works with The Wasps Community Club and provides a link from local community into Academy Football.

Over the last few years the Youth Phase has provided the pathway for Academy players to First Team Football. These players include, Steven Buchanan, Keir Burt and Cammy O'Donnell.

Going forward into 2024 we will be looking to progress into The Performance Level of Club Academy Scotland and aim to provide the knowledge, guidance, environment, and encouragement to enable the person/footballer to maximise the opportunities available to them at Alloa FC

Result:

ALLOA FC 16'S 3 V 1 LIVINGSTON FC 16'S

Scorers: Bradley Gibson, Aidan Kilday, Kieran Watson

Against a strong Livingston

side Alloa thoroughly deserved their win with a convincing performance. Alloa never let their opponents get into their stride by pressing from the front and playing at a high tempo. Alloa took the game to Livingston from ko and were rewarded with the opening goal coming from Bradley Gibson after a defence splitting. When Livingston did look to create opportunities Alloa' defended well. Alloa continued to move the ball quickly and soon went 2 up thanks to a delicate chip from Aidan Kilday.

2-0 HALF TIME SCORE

Alloa continued where they left off in the first half and soon went 3 up after a loose pass in the Livingston penalty box was pounced on by Kieran Watson who finished well. Livingston did pull one back with 5 mins remaining but in the end Alloa

ran out worthy winners against a team a tier above them.

FIXTURE:

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On behalf of all the staff at Alloa Youth Phase we wish everyone a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year





MONTROSE

The Gable Endies

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GROUND

Links Park,
Montrose

TOP HONOURS

Scottish League One*

Winners: 1984-85

Runners Up: 1990-91

Scottish League 2*

Winners: 2017-18

Runners-up: 1994-95

Forfarshire Cup

Winners: 10

Aloa welcomes Montrose to the Indodrill for a festive affair in the race for the play-offs. Both teams have put themselves in a strong position around the halfway point and today could go a long way into boosting either's play-off bid. The visitors currently sit in 4th position on 23 points, however, 2 spaces and 2 points behind are the Wasps, making this afternoon a huge game before Christmas. Montrose have always been well equipped to mount a play-off push, but last season did fall below their high standards. The Mo finished 7th, 9

points behind the Wasps who took the final spot in 4th. This season has seen them return to the form we know they are capable of, and it has added to the extremely tight battle for places in the top 4.

THE BOSS – STEWART PETRIE

The opposition will be led by long-serving manager, Stewart Petrie. The left-winger began his career at Forfar in 1989 but it was at Dunfermline that he found a home playing there for 10 years across the centuries. He is best remembered for

scoring a crucial goal in the penultimate game of the 1995–96 season which effectively won Dunfermline the league championship and with it promotion back to the Scottish Premier League. His managerial career started in interim fashion at Forfar filling in for the departed Dick Campbell in 2015, a year later he would move to Montrose to take the top job permanently and has been there ever since. That time frame makes him the 2nd longest serving manager in the SPFL, behind Dougie Samuel of Spartans. He overtook Dick Campbell at Arbroath in recent



*includes equivalent competitions



career at Elgin City, which included 84 goals in his 160 appearances. 29 of those goals came just last season. It took a club record fee to get this one over the line for Montrose as he signed a 3-year-deal at Links Park. Hester has 8 goals in all competitions this season, however, his last goal did come at the beginning of November in a 5-1 thumping over Edinburgh City.

ONE TO WATCH – SEAN DILLON

The Wasps normally focuses this section on the top goal scorer or tricky winger; however, it is hard to look past the commanding nature of experienced defender, Sean Dillon. Dublin-born centre half is most known for his time at Tannadice for Dundee United where he played between 2007 and 2017. During that time he won a Scottish Cup and a Scottish League Challenge Cup for the Tangerines. In 2017, he made the move to Links Park as a player-coach and ever since it has been a match made in heaven.

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weeks and was rumoured to potentially be making the switch to Gayfield, however, he remains at Links Park with his objectives firmly remaining a second promotion with Montrose.

THE CAPTAIN – PAUL WATSON

Montrose will be led by experienced midfielder, Paul Watson. Now 38-years-old Watson has entered his 12th year at Links Park and has cemented himself in Montrose history for his contribution to the club. Watson originally joined Montrose on the verge of dropping into the Highland League. Since then, he was led the side to a League 2 title win and a team fighting for promotion into Scotland's 2nd tier. With well over 300 appearances, he is the club's current 2nd longest serving player and still has ambitions to keep progressing with the Mo. Watson has 19 appearances and 3 goals in all competitions this season, including a 91st minute winner

in the sides last meeting, which finished 2-1 to Montrose.

NEW BOY – KANE HESTER

Out of all the summer signings there was one in particular that caught the eye across the lower leagues. Kane Hester was highly sought after in the summer with many clubs, especially in the Angus area, all putting in lucrative bids to try securing his services. This was down to his impressive



BY KIEREN MOONEY

That season, Dillon didn't miss a game as his side stormed to the title and individually, he scooped the League's Player of the Year Award. Still a crucial part of the Montrose side, he scooped a whole host of individual awards at the club's award ceremony last season at the age of 40. This season he has notched over 20 appearances, only missing 2 games, and in the most recent victory taking the captain's armband from Watson who was on the bench.

THE CONNECTION

Montrose are one of the few sides in the league that do not have any ex-Wasps in their current squad. A few players in the last 5 years who have played

at Links Park with somewhat of an Alloa connection are former youth product, Russell McLean, and former loanees Mohammed Niang and Euan Henderson. The 2016/17 for Montrose, the year before their league success, had both Scott Hynd playing there on loan and former defender, Michael Bolochowecyj, part of the squad. Similar to the visitors, there is nothing to recognise for Montrose fans in the current Alloa squad.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The sides first match up of the season ended in heartbreak for Alloa following Paul Watson's last-minute winner to take all the points in a 2-1 victory. That goal followed an opener from Blair

Lyons and an equaliser from Ally Roy. Last season Alloa had an excellent record against the Mo, winning 3 and drawing 1. The final one of those was the day secured a play-off spot with a resounding 4-0 win at Links Park, goals from Kevin Cawley, Murray Miller, and a brace from Conor Sammon. The last game here at the Indodrill was February 2023 where an Adam King solitary strike for the Wasps was enough to win the game 1-0. Prior to that it was late drama in Alloa's favour as they came out 2-1 winners in September 2022. Goals from George Stanger and Blair Lyons had the sides equal heading into the dying embers. Brad Rodden minutes from the end would strike home to bag all the points for Alloa.



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BRIAN ROACH



Gilmour won the game for Alloa. Just like today, the clubs faced each other the weekend before Christmas in 1996, on this occasion at Links Park. Irvine and Dwyer (2) were again on the scoresheet, their goals bookended by Nick Ingram and Kevin Tindall of Montrose in a five-goal thriller. An early Willie Irvine goal settled the final meeting of the clubs in April.

The following season was a memorable one for Alloa, as they built on their solid previous campaign to win the Third Division for the first time in their history. Montrose rocked up to Recreation Park in September 1997 and were soundly defeated 5-1. A first-half double from Stuart Mackay was followed by goals from Miller Mathieson, Willie Irvine, and a Craig Mailer own goal. McGlashan was again on target for Montrose, but his goal was a mere consolation with five minutes remaining. Irvine and Mackay got the goals in a 2-0 November win at Montrose, but it was a closer game at The Recs in March. Irvine and young Martin Cameron had Alloa in a commanding lead, but McGlashan continued his scoring record against the Wasps by pulling one back from the penalty spot. Rod Wylie appeared to earn the visitors a point with nine minutes remaining, but Cameron quickly broke away from the restart to restore Alloa's lead and ensure victory. The following month, Alloa completed the clean sweep at Links, marching towards the championship with a 3-0 win, a double by Paul Simpson in addition to another from the mercurial Irvine.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

In the first meeting of the clubs this season back in October, Montrose recorded a 2-1 victory, which ended Alloa's long unbeaten league record at Links Park. Prior to this, Alloa's unbeaten record as visitors stretched back to October 1988. There were obviously long periods where the clubs did not compete in the same division. But taking this into account, Alloa still did not taste defeat there in 15 league matches.

Alloa's home record against today's opponents is almost as impressive, and the Gable Endies can claim Alloa as their bogey team in more recent times in their history. Montrose have not left Alloa with a victory since March 1995. The 1994/95 season was a memorable one for our opponents, as they achieved promotion to Division

2 after finishing runners-up to champions Forfar Athletic, 13 points ahead of Alloa, who finished the campaign in fifth position.

Montrose was back in Division 3 with Alloa by the 1996/97 season. The Wasps were on the ascendancy, having recruited manager Tom Hendrie alongside a plethora of excellent players who would go on to become legends of the club. Alloa would achieve a clean sweep of domestic wins over Montrose over the next two campaigns. A Peter Dwyer double at Links Park in August 1996 continued Alloa's excellent start to that campaign as they picked up a 2-1 victory. In the return match at Recreation Park in October, Colin McGlashan gave the visitors an early lead, but goals from Willie Irvine, Paul McAneny, and Jimmy

The clubs did not compete in the same division again for eleven seasons. They did meet in the Scottish Cup in late 2005; a struggling Alloa team edged out Montrose 1-0 with a Jamie Stevenson goal. This earned Alloa a tie against Premier League Livingston, where the Wasps would produce a significant upset. In 2011, Alloa found themselves relegated to the bottom tier, where incoming manager Paul Hartley began construction of a new Alloa squad. Their attractive brand of passing football initially came at the expense of some erratic behavior in defense, as the new players looked to gel and settle. This resulted in an absolute thriller between Alloa and Montrose in late September, reasonably early in the campaign. Alloa took an early lead through a Ryan McCord penalty before Alan Campbell equalized for the visitors. Kevin Cawley restored Alloa's lead, but again this was canceled out—on this occasion by Martin Boyle—as the teams were level at the break. But second-half goals from Kevin Cawley and Ben Gordon sealed an Alloa win. Alloa was fortunate to leave Links Park with a point on a cold December afternoon—Ben Gordon equalizing late on after Scott Johnstone's early goal. In January, it took very late goals by Stevie May and Ross McKinnon to pick up the victory as Alloa topped the table. And they all but sealed the league championship with an away victory in late March—despite going down to ten men early on. Ryan Harding was red carded with 17 minutes gone after clearing out Martin Boyle, who was clean through on goal. But the Wasps got their reward with a dubious penalty with ten minutes remaining—when Stevie May was adjudged to have been fouled. Alan Campbell also saw

red for this offense, and Ryan McCord put Alloa ahead before adding to his tally minutes later to seal the points. Alloa finished the season as Third Division champions.

A further nine-year gap followed, as Alloa spent much of the next decade in the Scottish Championship in a very successful era for the club. They met in a couple of League Cup Group stages though, with both games taking place in Angus. In 2016, Greig Spence and Isaac Layne gave Alloa a 2-0 win, but Montrose finally picked up a win the following season in the same competition—Iain Flannigan scored for Alloa late on, but they didn't deserve to take anything on the night after Kerr Hay and Paul Watson had given the hosts a pretty commanding lead.

In 2021, Alloa was freshly relegated, while Montrose had enjoyed a successful period under manager Stewart Petrie. They faced each other in the League

One campaign. Alloa's early-season form was patchy, but they maintained their excellent record at Links Park—with two excellent goals from Mohammed Sena Niang and Adam King leading to the three points. Back here in November, Alloa were two in front, both goals coming from Mark Durnan headers. But a late double from Matt Allan gave Montrose a point. The clubs shared the points again at Links Park in the New Year, with Liam Callaghan and Steven Boyd scoring for either team. But in the campaign's final afternoon, Alloa coasted to victory in something of a meaningless affair. Montrose, having qualified for the promotion play-offs, took the lead through a Graham Webster penalty, which saw current Alloa manager Andy Graham sent for an early bath. But ten-man Alloa won convincingly thanks to four goals from Euan Henderson—signing off his loan spell in style. Last season, Alloa achieved two home wins over Montrose

HT QUIZ

1. WHICH EX DUNDEE UNITED PLAYER AND MANAGER DID STEWART PETRIE SUCCEED AS MONTROSE MANAGER IN 2016?

2. WHEN IT COMES TO THE SCOTLAND NATIONAL TEAM, NAME THE UNIQUE FACTOR THAT EX WASPS PETER GRANT AND STEVIE MAY HAVE IN COMMON?

3. NAME THE TWO SCOTTISH CLUBS WHO COMPETED IN THE NOW DEFUNCT INTERTOTO CUP BETWEEN 1995 AND 2009?








4. WHICH CURRENT PLAYER, FORMERLY OF RANGERS AND DUNDEE UNITED, HAS THE HIGHEST GOAL RECORD IN A SINGLE CAMPAIGN IN THE SCOTTISH THIRD TIER— WITH A FINAL SEASON TALLY OF 32 GOALS

5. NAME THE ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP CLUBS BASED ON THEIR CURRENT SHIRT SPONSOR BY THE FOLLOWING GAMBLING FIRMS— SBOTOP, STAKE.COM, BETWAY, KAIYUN SPORTS, DAFABET, BK8























6. NAME THE TOP 5 FRENCH SCORERS IN ENGLISH PREMIERSHIP HISTORY (1992 ONWARDS)

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KEY:

 CAPTAIN	 YELLOW CARD
 GOAL	 SECOND YELLOW
 OWN GOAL	 RED CARD
	 INELIGIBLE

	DATE	OPPOSITION		SCORE	REFEREE
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LC	18.07.23	STIRLING ALBION	H	 1-2	GRIEVE
LC	22.07.23	ST JOHNSTONE	H	 0-4	IRVINE
LC	25.07.23	STENHOUSEMUIR	A	 1-3	FORDYCE
LC	29.07.23	AYR UNITED	A	 6-0	ROBERTSON
LI	05.08.23	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	A	 3-4	HARDIE
LI	12.08.23	STIRLING ALBION	H	 0-1	MUIR
LI	19.08.23	KELTY HEARTS	A	 2-1	WILLIAMS
LI	26.08.23	FALKIRK	H	 1-4	SCOTT
LI	02.09.23	COVE RANGERS	H	 1-0	WHYTE
LI	16.09.23	HAMILTON ACADEMICAL	A	 2-1	CALDER
LI	23.09.23	ANNAN ATHLETIC	A	 1-1	WILLIAMS
CC	26.09.23	RANGERS B	A	 4-1	WILSON
LI	30.09.23	EDINBURGH CITY	H	 1-1	LUKE
LI	07.10.23	MONTROSE	A	 2-1	KIRKLAND
LI	21.10.23	KELTY HEARTS	H	 3-1	GRAINGER
LI	28.10.23	FALKIRK	A	 3-0	WILLIAMS
LI	04.11.23	STIRLING ALBION	A	 0-2	WHYTE
LI	11.11.23	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	H	 1-0	STUART
LI	18.11.23	EDINBURGH CITY	A	 3-0	MCFARLANE
SC	25.11.23	DUNBAR UNITED	A	 1-2	WILSON
LI	09.12.23	HAMILTON ACADEMICAL	H	 0-0	STEVEN
LI	16.12.23	COVE RANGERS	A	 1-2	FORDYCE
LI	23.12.23	MONTROSE	H		
LI	30.12.23	KELTY HEARTS	A		
LI	06.01.24	EDINBURGH CITY	H		
LI	13.01.24	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	A		
SC	20.01.24	MOTHERWELL	A		
LI	27.01.24	FALKIRK	H		
LI	03.02.24	ANNAN ATHLETIC	A		
LI	10.02.24	STIRLING ALBION	H		
LI	13.02.24	ANNAN ATHLETIC	H		
LI	17.02.24	COVE RANGERS	H		
LI	24.02.24	HAMILTON ACADEMICAL	A		
LI	02.03.24	MONTROSE	A		
LI	09.03.24	KELTY HEARTS	H		
LI	16.03.24	EDINBURGH CITY	A		
LI	23.03.24	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	H		
LI	30.03.24	ANNAN ATHLETIC	H		
LI	06.04.24	STIRLING ALBION	A		
LI	13.04.24	MONTROSE	H		
LI	20.04.24	COVE RANGERS	A		
LI	27.04.24	HAMILTON ACADEMICAL	H		

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MIDFIELDERS						
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QUIZ ANSWERS

- PAUL HEGARTY
- BOTH MADE THEIR INTERNATIONAL DEBUT AGAINST ENGLAND
- PARTICK THISTLE (1995), DUNDEE (2001)
- NICKY CLARK (QUEEN OF THE SOUTH 2012/13)
- FULHAM, EVERTON, WEST HAM, NOTTINGHAM FOREST, BOURNEMOUTH, ASTON VILLA
- THIERRY HENRY (175), NICOLAS ANELKA (125), OLIVIER GIROUD (90), LUIS SAHA (84), ERIC CANTONA (70)





ALLOA ATHLETIC



MONTROSE

#	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		

#	POS				
	1		CAMMY GILL		
	2		RYAN WILLIAMSON		
	3		ANDREW STEEVES		
	4		AIDAN QUINN		
	5		KERR WADDELL		
	6		TERRY MASSON		
	7		GRAHAM WEBSTER		
	8		PAUL WATSON		
	9		KANE HESTER		
	10		MICHAEL GARDYNE		
	11		BLAIR LYONS		
	14		SEAN DILLON		
	15		EVAN TOWLER		
	16		CRAIG BATCHELOR		
	17		ALI SHRIVE		
	18		LUKE GRAHAM		
	19		LIAM CALLAGHAN		
	20		MILLER THOMSON		
	21		ROSS MATTHEWS		
	22		CRAIG BROWN		
	23		MATHEUS MACHADO		
	MANAGER		STEWART PETRIE		

REFEREE: Stewart Luke

ASST: Paul McAvinue & Brent Falconer

ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

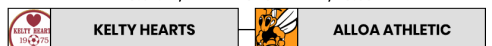
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