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1981/82 1996/97

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
FALKIRK	21	16	5	0	51	13	38	53
HAMILTON ACCIES	20	13	5	2	43	13	30	44
COVE RANGERS	21	9	6	6	36	29	7	33
MONTROSE	20	7	5	8	29	31	-2	26
ALLOA ATHLETIC	19	7	5	7	25	28	-3	26
KELTY HEARTS	19	6	6	7	27	28	-1	24
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	21	7	3	11	28	34	-6	24
STIRLING	19	6	4	9	16	32	-16	22
ANNAN ATHLETIC	20	2	7	11	24	42	-18	13
EDINBURGH CITY	20	2	4	14	27	56	-29	10

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

LEAGUE 1

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

CHAMPIONSHIP

AIRDRIEONIANS	PARTICK THISTLE
DUNDEE UNITED	DUNFERMLINE
GREENOCK MORTON	ARBROATH
QUEEN'S PARK	AYR UNITED
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PREMIER LEAGUE

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

LEAGUE 2

ELGIN CITY	DUMBARTON
FORFAR ATHLETIC	BONNYRIGG ROSE
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GOALKEEPERS

PJ MORRISON

27/02/1998

CM KG



1

DEFENDERS

Scott TAGGART

27/12/1991

183 CM 75 KG



2

Euan DEVENEY

16/11/2002

CM KG



3

Morgyn NEILL

10/03/1996

CM KG



6

Keir BURT

09/09/2004

175 CM 69 KG



21

Andy GRAHAM

22/09/1983

188 CM 85 KG



5

David MCKAY

17/06/1998

CM KG



15

Paul MCLAREN

01/04/2004

185 CM 76 KG

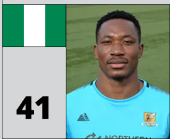


22

Tochukwu OGAYI

10/10/1996

CM KG



41

David DEVINE

20/06/2001

CM KG



23

Josh DEBAYO

17/10/1996

CM KG



27

MANAGER

ANDY GRAHAM



MIDFIELDERS

Steven HETHERINGTON

09/03/1993



Kevin CAWLEY

17/03/1989



Kurtis ROBERTS

06/09/1994



Stefan SCOUGALL

07/12/1992

170 cm 63 kg



Miko VIRTANEN

29/01/1999



Cameron O'DONNELL

29/09/2001

183 cm 70 kg



Jon ROBERTSON

25/04/1989

183 cm 70 kg



FORWARDS

Luke DONNELLY

20/01/1996



Taylor STEVEN

17/09/2004



Alistair ROY

26/05/1997



Conor SAMMON

06/11/1986

188 cm 91 kg



Steven BUCHANAN

26/03/2003

178 cm 70 kg



Quinn COULSON

01/09/2003





MANAGER'S NOTES

I would like to welcome John McGlynn and his staff to the Indodrill for today's match.

I was really pleased with the effort in last week's trip to Motherwell in the Scottish Cup; the players gave everything they had and will gain a lot from the experience. Motherwell's class showed late on.

Unfortunately, we had a host of injuries, and Scott,

the physio, certainly worked hard. That's part of football, and it's now down to other people in the squad to come in and stake a claim for a starting place. It was great to see such a large and vocal traveling support last week, and I know the players all appreciated the backing. That's what will be required in all the games to come as we continue our aim to make this a positive season.

I hope you all enjoy today's game and continue to get behind the players.

Best Wishes,
Andy

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NEWSDESK

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium as we enter the second half of the season, welcoming near neighbours Falkirk FC, welcome to their manager John McGlynn, assistant manager Paul Smith, the players, officials, and directors of Falkirk FC.

We're pleased to introduce the new manager of the Alloa Athletic Women FC, Allan Milne. Allan is currently a Rangers Soccer Academy and Charity Foundation coach taking the lead in developing an academy programme with Whitehill Sec-

ondary School. Allan is also very experienced in the women's game having spent three years at Stenhousemuir WFC and another three years at Glasgow University Women's team as Head Coach. We're sure Allan is the right person to continue the

ALLAN MILNE MANAGER



good progress in building the team. He takes over as the Alloa Athletic Women are undefeated in the league from the opening half of the season, six points off from the League leaders in 4th in the Biffa SWFL. Best of luck to Allan and the Women in the second half of the season.

Alloa Athletic Women's team have received a bye in the Scottish Women's Football League Plate Preliminary Round which will take place this weekend, they will now go into the First Round of the Plate, the draw will take place after this weekend's Preliminary Ties.

Congratulations to Kevin Cawley and his wife Gillian on the birth of their precious boy, Luca Kevin Cawley, born Thursday 4th January, 2024 at 00.34, weighing 6lb 3oz.

BOYS UNDER 18 INTERNATIONAL SQUAD ANNOUNCED - The 18 boys who will represent Scottish Schools in next year's Centenary Shield have been selected and they include Callum Graham from Bannerman High

School, who is a young 16-year-old forward who is currently playing for Alloa Athletic Under 18 side, congratulations to him. The Selectors for the Under 18 Squad watched numerous Scottish Cup Ties, area trials and a Final Trial and have chosen from these matches the boys who will represent the Scottish Schools FA in this year's Centenary Shield Competition.

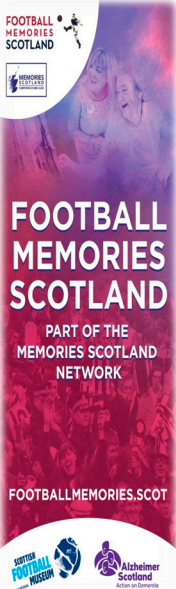
Our Cinch League One game against Annan Athletic which was postponed due to the heavy snow overnight on Saturday 2nd December, 2023, has now been rearranged for Tuesday 13th February, 2024, Kick-Off 7.45pm. Tickets already bought will be valid for the rearranged Annan Athletic fixture, although we can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

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 the Indodrill Stadium, starting at 11.30 - 1.00 O'clock, the guest speaker, on this occasion is ex Alloa Athletic and Falkirk manager, Alex Totten, Alex also had a spell as a player at Recreation Park before taking over the managers role in April, 1980, when the late Hugh Wilson moved to Cowdenbeath.

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JONATHAN MARKWELL



ALLOA'S AFRICAN CUP OF NATIONS SQUAD

Two years ago, every Alloa fan had at least a passing interest on the African Cup of Nations (Afcon), as Fernandy Mendy could have become Alloa's second ever internationalist and first for 130 years. Alas, Alloa's powerful defender was an unused substitute for all three of Guinea-Bissau's games at the tournament in Cameroon, meaning James Hepburn's proud record of being the club's only internationally capped player lived on. Two years on and Afcon is presently in full swing all over again, this time in the Ivory Coast, with the group stages finishing on Wednesday and the Second Round is scheduled to begin today. Sadly, there is no Alloa player at the finals this time around, seeking to gain international recognition like full-back Hepburn did for Scot-

land versus Wales at Wrexham's Racecourse Ground back in 1891. However, in recognition of the on-going Afcon, it is possible to formulate a Wasps XI of players who could have competed at the competition in the past or could still do so at the upcoming editions in Morocco (the future hosts in 2025) or Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda (which has been selected to jointly host the 2027 event).

GOALKEEPER: TOCHUKWU OGAYI (NIGERIA)

Current Alloa keeper Tochukwu Ogayi became the club's first-ever African born shot stopper (to my knowledge) when he made his debut for the club last year in the cup win at Stenhousemuir. Ogayi made his way to the Recs having played in Ukraine and Germany after

leaving his homeland Nigeria, which is certainly an unusual route for settling in Clackmannanshire! His athletic displays for the Wasps have certainly caught the eye so far, although until last weekend he had been missing from the squad since the end of October due to a serious finger injury. My fingers are crossed that Philip can get back to full fitness and add to his nine appearances to date for the club before the end of the season. I'd also be really interested to learn more about his back story, as its surely a unique one which deserves a wider audience.

DEFENCE: FERNANDY MENDY (GUINEA-BISSAU)

Mendy's late call-up to the Guinea-Bissau squad caused something of a stir two years ago, particularly as there was

the potential for Mendy to come up against Mo Salah and his Egypt team-mates. You couldn't help raise a smile at the sight of Nando giving interviews to Sky Sports from his hotel room, or taking calls from the Daily Record at airports en route to the finals. Mendy's positivity and sheer delight at being named in the squad was heart-warming to see. I wasn't alone in hoping he'd make it off the bench to make his international bow and create a little bit of history for Alloa in the process, but it wasn't to be. It was a long way from his inconsistent performances for Alloa under Barry Ferguson. After returning to Scotland, Mendy found himself on the Alloa bench for a disappointing defeat at Clyde, before playing the next two games and then being dropped for what turned out to be Ferguson's last game in charge against East Fife. Thereafter, Mendy didn't play another minute for the club (having made 20 appearances in total) and was released within a month of Ferguson departing. Mendy returned to France and happily is now back playing for his old-team Saint-Nazaire in the north-west of the country. Having just turned 30, Mendy's international journey is probably over too, but he will always have fond memories of his Afcon adventure.

DEFENCE: JOSH DEBAYO (NIGERIA)

Although Debayo hails from West London, both his parents are Nigerian and that obviously qualifies him to be able to play for the Super Eagles. Since signing in the summer, Debayo has been in and out of the side, with injury frustratingly preventing the left-sided defender from playing since October, although he has returned to the bench in recent weeks. Debayo is actually

part of a footballing family, with his younger brother James seeking to breakthrough at Leeds. This Debayo, also a defender, has actually so far opted to play for England rather than Nigeria, having represented the Three Lions at Under 18's level in the past year.

ROBBIE RAESIDE (RSA)

Raeside was born in Pietersburg, South Africa, but was raised in Fife and played a single season with the Wasps in the 2001/02 promotion winning campaign. It was a topsy-turvy year for Raeside at Alloa as Terry Christie's abundance of defenders meant Raeside was in and out of the side during the opening months of the season. The pair fell out and after leaving the 29 year old out of the squad for the Challenge Cup final versus Airdrie, Raeside was banished to Stirling Albion on loan. However, in January, Raeside returned to the team after Derek Anderson left and Gregg Watson was injured, even playing in a midfield holding role for the rest of the season and chipping in with vital goals in the 1-0 wins at Berwick and Queen of the South which helped the Wasps to promotion. It looked as if Raeside would be sticking around for Alloa's return to the First Division, but on the eve of the season starting, Christie indicated that Raeside was once again out of favour and the commanding defender joined Division Three side Peterhead. Raeside went on to have long stints with both the Blue Toon and Arbroath, before finishing his playing career where it had started, at St Andrews United. In fact, Raeside is now manager at the East of Scotland league club, with Wasps striker Seff Khyyam being loaned to Robbie's side last season.



MIDFIELD: JOSE QUITONGO (ANGOLA)

Luanda born Jose Quitongo left Angola for Portugal when he was 10 and had a nomadic playing career in which even he cannot recall how many teams he played for! The winger spent just over a year with Alloa in 2005 and 2006, being re-united with his former St Mirren manager Tom Hendrie and delighting the Alloa faithful with his all-round trickery, together with his complete humiliation of Stirling Albion of course! Jose, confident as ever, even had dreams of forcing himself into the Angolan national team squad for the 2006 World Cup, but being released by new manager Allan Maitland didn't help that ambition. Whilst still having magic in his feet, Maitland did not feel Jose had the fight required for the mission-impossible-style escape from relegation the new manager inherited. As such, luxury player Quitongo was soon released, and in hindsight Alloa's miraculous survival proved Maitland was right, despite it being an unpopular decision with some supporters at the time.

MIDFIELD: MOUHAMED 'SENA' NIANG (SENEGAL)

Sena hails from Senegal and was born in the capital Dakar. In his childhood, he first came to the UK to live in Manchester before returning to his homeland for a couple of years and then moving back in 2010 and settling

in Glasgow. His football career has seen him make plenty of moves too, including a season on loan with the Wasps from Partick Thistle in 2021/22. An infectious and likeable character on and off the pitch, Niang's form was as up and down as Alloa's as a whole that season. Whilst many will remember his early red-card versus Cove and his crunching challenge on Celtic's Yosuke Ideguchi which earned him a retrospective red-card, his driving runs, passion and enthusiasm were second to none. In addition, his 4 goals were all tidy finishes, especially his spectacular acrobatic left-footed volley to open the scoring against Bonnyrigg in the Scottish Cup. Niang is of course coming up against the Wasps this season after joining Cove Rangers last summer.

JOHN MACKAY (RSA)

Johannesburg born midfielder John MacKay made a total of 9 appearances for the Wasps during his single season with the Wasps in 1993/94. Signed from Bonnybridge, the 23-year-old only made 4 starts for the club under Billy Lamont and the South African returned to the juniors with Camelon after just a single season with the Wasps. MacKay's time with the Wasps was before my fanatic fandom began, with information proving elusive for me, although I'm sure other Alloa supporters will have some memories of him in a Wasps shirt!

DAVIE HOGG, BOBBY HUME OR ALLY DICK (RSA)

There's a space in the team as I've only located 10 Wasps either born in Africa or with African parentage. As such, the remaining place is taken by any one of three wingers who either left Alloa to emigrate to South

Africa, or who joined the Wasps having most recently played in South Africa. Going back furthest in time, Bobby Hume played 3 times for Alloa in 1964/65 and scored 1 goal, before calling time on his life in Britain (having played for Rangers, Middlesbrough and Aberdeen) and emigrating to South Africa to play for champions Highlands Park. In Johannesburg, he played with brother Ronnie and close friend Charlie Gough, father of 1990s Rangers and Scotland stalwart Richard. Hume stayed in Johannesburg after his playing days finished, but was tragically shot dead after a car-jacking in 1997, aged 56. Next is David Hogg, a right winger who scored 2 goals in 16 Alloa appearances during the 1972/3 season before emigrating to South Africa at the age of 27 to play for Port Elizabeth City. Most recently, former Spurs and Ajax winger Ally Dick made an ill-fated single appearance for the Wasps in 1997 having most recently been playing for Seven Stars in Cape Town, South Africa. Dick, originally from Stirling, was injured soon after coming off the bench against Queen's Park and retired shortly afterwards.

SCOTT MURRAY (KENYA)

Eric Scott Murray was signed by Alloa manager Alex Totten from Clyde in 1981 and enjoyed two successful seasons with the club. The pacy 21-year-old forward scored 14 goals in his first season as the Wasps won promotion with a final day win at Forfar, with the personal highlight of Murray's season being his four-goal salvo in a 5-1 home win over Albion Rovers. In the 1982/83 season Murray played most games but only scored 3 goals in an Alloa side who impressively finished 6th in the old First Division. Murray then swapped Alloa for East

Stirling and soon moved on to Stenhousemuir, before dropping down to play for Shotts Bon Accord. Murray gets into the Alloa Afcon XI by virtue of being born in Nakuru, Kenya. His player profile in Stuart Latham's commemorative handbook of 1981 to celebrate Alloa's 60 years in the Scottish League also reveals his favourite band at the time was Joy Division and his favourite actress was Marilyn Monroe.

GRAEME BROWN (RSA)

Like Murray, I have no clue as to why Graeme Brown was born in Africa (in Brown's case in Johannesburg, South Africa), but he qualifies for the Alloa Afcon XI as a result of this. It actually appears that the striker was then raised in Galashiels before breaking through as a 16-year-old at Cowdenbeath, with his mop of blond hair making him instantly recognisable. Brown joined Alloa towards the end of the 2004/5 season at the age of 24. In his first full season at the club, he scored 8 goals, including the crucial single goal in the final day of the regular season win at Raith, which secured Alloa's place in the relegation play-offs. In the 2006/7 season Brown finished top scorer at the Recs with 9 goals, despite missing 4 months of the season with injury. Injuries again meant his 2007/8 season was stop-start in nature, although he still managed 10 goals to be the joint top scorer as the



Wasps lost out in the promotion play-offs. Broonie's tally included two hat-tricks, in a 4-1 opening day success up at Peterhead and a mid-December 4-1 victory at Cowdenbeath. Brown stayed on for the 2008/9 season but left for a return home to the Blue-Brazil after struggling with form, fitness and combining football, his law career and young family. In total, Brown scored 31 goals in close to 4 years at the club, amassing 120 appearances in the process.

AHMED ALOULOU (TUN)

Aloulou was signed in 2018 by Jim Goodwin after impressing at the summer exit trials in Largs. Aloulou was at the exit trials having impressed playing futsal whilst completed his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering at Dundee University. His quick feet, close control and

technical skills were clear to see, giving himself a chance of playing senior football via an unconventional route. Born in Sfax, Tunisia, Aloulou travelled the world due to his father's work as an engineer, honing his skills in the small-sided indoor game which saw him win caps for the Scotland futsal team. Aloulou's game-time with the Wasps was limited to one substitute appearance in the Championship against Dunfermline, together with three more games off the bench in the cup, before spending the second half of the season on loan at struggling Berwick Rangers. Ahmed was on the bench for the first three games of the following season but didn't make the grade with the Wasps and is now working as a Client Delivery Analyst at Generis in Dundee. Aloulou has been back playing futsal in recent years too. Last year, Aloulou won

the golden boot after scoring 47 goals for the Perth Youth Futsal Saltires, who were crowned champions of the SFL Super League.

MANAGER: WILLIAM J TODD STEWART

Whilst I am not aware of any African having managed the Wasps, a former Alloa player has managed in South Africa. Outside left Stewart played for Alloa during the 1937-38 season (11 games, 3 goals) having earlier in his career played for Cowdenbeath, Manchester United, Motherwell and Albion Rovers (not your traditional career trajectory!). After retiring, his managerial career took him to South Africa, where he managed Clyde Pinelands.

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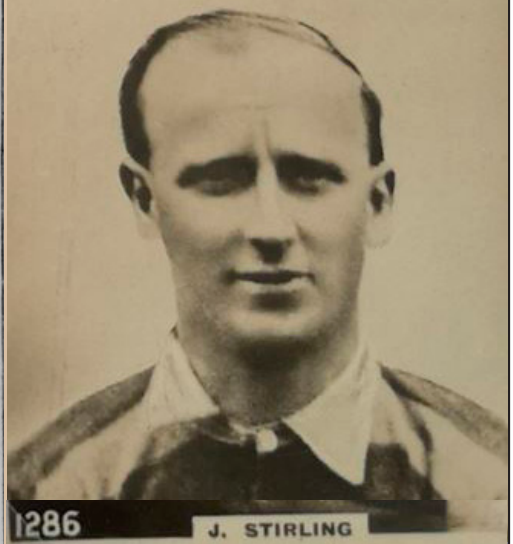
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DIVISION II

	Played	Matches.			Goals.			Pts
		W.	L.	D.	For	Agst.		
St Johnstone ..	25	15	3	7	54	19	37	
Bathgate	25	13	3	9	45	26	35	
Cowdenbeath	26	13	5	8	52	26	34	
Albion Rovers	25	12	8	7	48	33	31	
King's Park....	25	12	8	5	46	36	29	
Stenhousemuir	25	10	6	9	37	23	29	
Bo'ness	26	10	8	8	36	35	28	
Dunfermline Ath	26	10	9	7	35	31	27	
Johnstone	25	11	10	4	34	33	26	
Armadale	26	10	10	6	34	41	26	
Dundee United..	24	8	7	9	27	27	25	
Forfar Athletic	24	10	9	5	29	36	25	
East Fife	26	10	12	4	27	32	24	
Alloa,	28	10	13	3	31	37	23	
Broxburn Un ..	25	8	12	5	31	37	21	
St Bernards....	26	7	12	7	33	41	21	
Dumbarton,...	24	9	13	2	25	35	20	
Vale of Leven ..	24	6	12	6	23	39	18	
Arbroath	25	6	15	4	29	38	16	
Lochgelly Un ..	24	2	19	3	9	56	7	



NO REST FOR THE WICKED

After the hectic festive schedule which had brought four games in eight days, the Wasps of 1923/24 had a chance to draw breath with a week off before the arrival of Broxburn at the Recs. The team could reflect on a reasonably successful run of results over New Year with wins against Armadale and Dundee Utd bookending a Ne'er Day draw with Dunfermline in front of a bumper crowd, spoiled only by a 3-1 capitulation at Ochilview on January 5th. The arrival of a Broxburn side sitting just below

Alloa in the table offered a good chance of redemption and the Wasps ultimately delivered, albeit they made rather hard work of putting away their opponents in a game dominated by the home side. New signing Gordon from Sauchie was said to be the "chief sinner" as Alloa passed up a string of chances. In the end it was another recent addition who grabbed the decisive goal, James Lennie converting after being set up by Alloa's veteran winger Jock Stirling. It was Lennie's fourth goal since arriving

from Arniston Rangers – blazing a trail for another striker who would move from Gorebridge to Alloa several decades later in Paul Simpson – although the press did suggest that in light of the efforts of the misfiring Gordon, that Lennie "would have satisfied if he had tried more on his own". There was a worry late on when Alloa were reduced to ten men after an injury to Morris, but the Wasps held on for two well deserved points.

Next up was a trip to the capital to take on St Bernard's.

The Wasps had defeated the Edinburgh men 4-2 at the Recs in early December in a re-arranged fixture, the original game having been abandoned due to heavy snow with the Saints a goal ahead. The Stockbridge team were said to be keen for revenge as they welcomed Alloa to Logie Green (where the Saints were based in 1923/24 as repairs continued on their traditional home at the Gymnasium). Gordon paid the price for his profligacy against Broxburn, his place in attack taken by former Dumbarton man Alexander, who had started the season well only to be replaced by a string of trialists as the goals dried up. Alexander impressed on his return but Alloa's best attacker was Paterson, who fired the Wasps into the lead. Alloa were unable to press home their advantage however, and a brace from Young ensured that St Bernard's did indeed gain revenge for the defeat a month earlier. "The teams were well matched and both were triers all the game", reported the Evening News, but Alloa "lost their grip of matters for a bit, and that lapse cost the points".

Any distant hopes of promotion were now effectively over but Alloa at least had the distraction of the Scottish Cup with Highland League Buckie Thistle set to visit the Wee County. In a somewhat patronising build up, the press portrayed the Banffshire men as no hopers on a big day out: "They would perhaps arrive at the port of Alloa in a fishing smack, and incidentally transact some business with the local fishmongers. As for football, they were out of their class". But the papers had underestimated a Buckie team who were consistently among the best sides in the Highland

League in the 1920s, winning the title three times over the decade. They meant business in the Wee County and they almost reeled in a mighty catch. "Alloa wanted to play football as it should be played but the 'fishermen' on the other hand, had no desire whatever to indulge in class football, and what was even more ungracious, they had no intention of watching Alloa do so", reported the Sunday Post. A rattled Alloa fell behind to a goal from Esslemont and while Morris equalised, the visitors went back in front early in the second half with McIntosh on target. As time began to run out Alloa rallied and Connaboy forced home a second equaliser before the Wasps laid siege to the visiting goal in the closing stages. It was all in vain with the game finishing 2-2. There was belated praise for Buckie: "They possess a couple of extreme wingers who can run like mountain hares, a fine centre-half, and a steady pair of backs". For an Alloa team who had enjoyed a reputation as cup shock specialists themselves at the beginning of the 1920s, this was an unpleasant taste of their own medicine. "Alloa got the shock of their lives", concluded the Post.

Wasps were now faced with an awkward midweek trip north. The replay was originally slated for Pittodrie but Buckie's heroics at the Recs had caught the imagination of the coastal town: "After the Buckie team arrived home public feeling ran strong in favour of playing at Victoria Park, Buckie", and it was claimed that the Buckie players also wanted to take on Alloa on their home turf - and rightfully so. The Alloa committee once more went into the transfer market before the trip north with the addition of yet another attacker, Ross of Muirkirk Athletic hastily signed and put straight into the team.

With a partisan home crowd in a reported record crowd of 3,000 looking on, the sides kicked off at 2.30 on the afternoon of Wednesday 30th January 1924, Alloa choosing to play with the strong wind behind them and the sun in the eyes of the Buckie keeper. This decision was vindicated, the old fox Jock Stirling firing the Wasps ahead after a cross from Paterson, before Paterson himself made it 2-0 after a goalmouth scramble. The second half saw Buckie rally and Crawford in the Alloa goal was called upon to keep them out. But Alloa survived and a late goal from Lennie sealed a 3-0 win. Just like Alloa's trip back to Buckie in the League Cup in 2022, it was a very welcome three goal win which perhaps slightly flattered the visitors from the Wee County. "Alloa mak' siccar" was the headline in the P&J but Buckie had emerged from the two ties with their heads held high.

It was job done regardless and Alloa now had a trip to Hibs to look forward to in the next round. 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	13 (1)	0	5 (0)	0	18 (1)	0	13 (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	17 (2)	2	3 (0)	0	20 (2)	2	246 (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	14 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	16 (3)	0	24 (2)	0
NEILL	DEF	16 (0)	0	6 (1)	1	22 (1)	1	16 (0)	0
DEVENEY	DEF	9 (3)	0	3 (3)	0	12 (6)	0	9 (3)	0
MCKAY	DEF	5 (3)	1	5 (2)	0	10 (5)	1	5 (3)	1
DEBAYO	DEF	8 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	11 (0)	0	8 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	175 (30)	2
SCOUGALL	MID	9 (2)	0	5 (1)	0	14 (3)	0	68 (20)	8
O'DONNELL	MID	9 (2)	1	4 (1)	0	13 (3)	1	25 (36)	10
CAWLEY	MID	10 (4)	1	1 (3)	1	11 (7)	2	334 (51)	64
HETHERINGTON	MID	17 (0)	0	6 (1)	0	23 (1)	0	154 (30)	6
VIRTANEN	MID	2 (5)	0	3 (3)	0	5 (8)	0	2 (5)	0
ROBERTS	MID	19 (0)	0	6 (1)	0	25 (1)	0	19 (0)	0
DONNELLY	FWD	1 (5)	1	1 (1)	0	2 (6)	1	13 (24)	8
SAMMON	FWD	6 (9)	3	6 (1)	3	12 (10)	6	57 (31)	22
BUCHANAN	FWD	8 (3)	2	4 (1)	1	12 (4)	3	8 (14)	2
RANKIN	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (11)	1
COULSON	FWD	8 (5)	1	5 (2)	1	13 (7)	2	20 (9)	2
CANNON	FWD	0 (3)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (4)	0	0 (3)	0
STEVEN	FWD	12 (2)	1	1 (0)	0	13 (2)	1	12 (2)	1
ROY	FWD	5 (3)	5	1 (1)	0	6 (4)	5	5 (3)	5
WALES	FWD	11 (0)	3	0 (0)	0	11 (0)	3	11 (0)	3



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ALLOA CAREER CUP		ALLOA TOTAL	
APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
5 (0)	0	18 (1)	9
0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
2 (0)	0	8 (1)	0
58 (1)	3	304 (3)	16
54 (3)	1	243 (11)	15
2 (2)	0	3 (4)	0
2 (1)	0	26 (3)	0
6 (1)	1	22 (1)	1
3 (3)	0	12 (6)	0
5 (2)	0	10 (5)	1
3 (0)	0	11 (0)	0
44 (5)	2	219 (35)	4
19 (8)	2	87 (28)	10
9 (2)	0	34 (38)	10
67 (12)	12	401 (63)	76
33 (9)	1	187 (39)	7
3 (3)	0	5 (8)	0
6 (1)	0	25 (1)	0
4 (4)	2	17 (28)	10
18 (4)	9	75 (35)	31
6 (4)	1	14 (18)	3
0 (6)	0	0 (17)	1
5 (2)	1	25 (11)	3
0 (1)	0	0 (4)	0
1 (0)	0	13 (2)	1
1 (1)	0	6 (4)	5
0 (0)	0	11 (0)	3

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BRIAN ROACH



A FAN'S VIEW

Despite being eliminated from the Scottish Cup last week, I'm sure the vast majority of Alloa supporters would have enjoyed the visit to Fir Park. The players gave absolutely everything they had and for good spells in the game looked very likely to cause an upset. It was great to see a good Alloa support at Fir Park- numbers wise I thought it was way more than the second half tannoy announcement suggested (185). It was also refreshing to see no childish goading amongst both sets of supporters in the main stand. Just two sets of fans wanting their team to win- I haven't seen that in a long time. I even bumped into a certain Neil Parry at half time, who had come along to cheer on his old club. The support really backed the team throughout the game,

even in the closing stages when the tie was pretty much over as a contest.

In the pre match build up Alloa had lost talisman Bobby Wales after his loan spell ended without an extension. It makes sense for Kilmarnock to recall Bobby until the window is complete. But of course we hope to see him back. As suspected, his first goal for the club opened the floodgates and he had scored in the next 2 consecutive games. On that run of form it's a shame to halt his momentum. He has lit up the season- a joy to watch at times. Had he been available, it was a guarantee that he would have retained his place in the starting 11- and likely been Alloa's main threat in the tie. He was replaced by Conor Sammon, which made

a lot of sense. When playing against higher level opposition experience is invaluable, and Conor has played at that level both here and down south.

Things took a turn for the worst straight from kick off- the Alloa defence a bit slow to react in the opening minute allowing Blair Spittal to unleash an excellent strike- which pinballed across the line via the woodwork. Spittal had a bit too much space to consider his options, but I felt it was something the team would have probably got away with in League One. Still it was a real baptism of fire. Thankfully they shook off the right hook and came off the ropes pretty well. The goal seemed to settle Alloa down and they actually started controlling long spells of play. I mentioned

experience being invaluable in games such as this, and Stefan Scougal also fits that bill. Along with Hetherington they were really staking their claim in the engine room, with Scougal doing more than his fair share of intelligent ball winning. Just before the half hour mark, Alloa got the equaliser that I felt they richly deserved on the balance of play. Conor Sammon picked up the ball on the right in space and still had much to do. His sweeping shot into the far corner was a top drawer finish, and it was a brilliant moment when he ran to celebrate with the travelling support. Sammon hasn't started in an Alloa shirt for a while, but remains a real pro- he delivered when required. We knew chances would be few and far between, and Alloa would have to take opportunities when they came. They did just that. The home crowd grumbled as the teams left the pitch at the break. For 44 minutes Alloa were excellent.

I also thought Alloa started the second half well- for the opening ten minutes or so I felt

the upset was becoming reality. Unfortunately the loss of Stevie Hetherington through injury gave us less energy in the middle of the park, and Motherwell got their noses in front around the hour mark. Motherwell's high sitting left back Georgie Gent broke free of Scott Taggart and shot the home team into the lead. Motherwell were awarded a penalty minutes later I thought was pretty harsh at the time- Taggart adjudged to have fouled Gent. Upon viewing the highlights, the decision was likely correct. Unfortunately it was Taggart's last action as he left the field injured. The long delay worked in Alloa's favour, and PJ Morrison- strong all afternoon- saved Spittals spot kick brilliantly. With key players injured, you can see Alloa's energy levels understandably drop in the closing 15 minutes after putting so much into the game. They ploughed on in search for an equaliser, but Spittal sealed the tie with a couple of minutes left after an admittedly terrific free kick. Alloa were out but it was a performance to be proud of. The Scottish Cup run of 2023/24 may have consisted of only two match-

es but last Saturday's trip to Fir Park, preceded by the Dunbar United tie, make this one that will live long in the memory. Undoubtedly two of my favourite days of the season so far.

It's back to league business this afternoon though, where the undefeated league leaders Falkirk are the visitors. They'll be looking to bounce back after last week's cup shock away to Bonnyrigg Rose, and will feel like they have something to prove to their large travelling support inside the ground today. Alloa have a decent little run of their own going on in the league. The manager's post-match interview last week was spot on- the team are playing with a bit more quality in more recent games. The supporters probably viewed the promotion play-offs as unlikely a couple of months ago, but we've been reinvigorated by recent form. Today will give us a good indicator of how much the team has progressed, against a formidable opponent. It should be an interesting one, enjoy the game.





ANDREW COCKBURN



LOOKING BACK 28TH JANUARY 1989

In the third round of The Scottish Cup, holders Celtic progressed after a 2-0 home victory v Second Division strugglers Dumbarton, while the previous season's runners-up Dundee United also reached the fourth round, after they overcame local rivals Dundee by 2-1 at Dens Park. Several First Division sides did well to force replays v Premier Division opposition. For struggling Motherwell were held 1-1 at a Falkirk side hoping for an immediate return to The Premier Division, Burgess with

a penalty netting for The Bairns, while 1-1 was also the outcome at Stark's Park, in the clash between Raith and Rangers. Raith's near-neighbours/First Division leaders Dunfermline held Aberdeen 0-0 at East End Park, and Partick also forced a goalless stalemate, v St. Mirren at Firhill. But Hearts progressed comfortably, thanks to a 4-1 home success v another side from The First Division, Ayr, the Premier Division's bottom club Hamilton Accies visited another First Division outfit, struggling

Meadowbank, the following day, while Hibs had to settle for a narrow 1-0 home success v Second Division promotion hopefuls Brechin.

Alloa Athletic meantime, booked a place in the fourth round, after they defeated Second Division counterparts Albion Rovers by 3-1 at Recreation Park, thanks to a brace from Angus Smith, and another effort from John Gibson. And The Wasps had lined up as follows: Ronnie Lowrie, Larry Haggart, Robert Lee, Andy Millen, Keith

McCulloch, John Gibson, Leslie Conlin (Robert West), Stevie Ramsay, Charlie Lytwyn, Iain Lee, Angus Smith (Alan Bateman). In the other ties, Clydebank defeated Montrose 2-1 at Kilbowie, St. Johnstone were also victorious on home soil, by 2-0 v Stenhousemuir, the Forfar v Clyde & Queen of The South ties both ended all-square, 1-1 and 2-2 respectively, while the Morton v Airdrie &

Queen's Park clashes failed to produce a single goal.

Just two games took place in The Second Division, where East Fife and Berwick shared four goals and the points at Bayview, while Arbroath triumphed 3-0 at East Stirling.

South of the border, it was FA Cup fourth round day. And holders Wimbledon progressed to the fifth round, thanks to a 1-0

win at Aston Villa, while Liverpool, beaten finalists in 1987-88, visited Millwall the following day. Manchester United and Nottingham Forest, two other clubs fancied to lift the trophy, enjoyed home wins v Oxford (4-0) and Leeds (2-0) respectively, while Third Division Brentford sprang a surprise, when they defeated Second Division promotion hopefuls Manchester City by 3-1 at Griffin Park.



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ALLOA ATHLETIC



(1:1)

SCORERS

Spittal **1'** **1:0**

1:1 **27'** Sammon

Gent **60'** **2:1**

Spittal **88'** **3:1**



1 KELLY

2 O'DONNELL

16 MCGINN

66 MUGABI

5 BUTCHER

3 GENT

17 ZDRAVKOVSKI

12 PATON

22 MONTGOMERY

14 BAIR

7 SPITTALL

SUBS

11 HALLIDAY

37 WELLS

38 MILLER

6 MAGUIRE

13 OXBOROUGH

35 MCDERMOTT

39 ROSS

42 ROSS

46 WILLIAMSON

SUBS

41 OGAYI

3 DEVENEY

27 DEBAYO

14 VIRTANEN

25 ROBERTSON

19 BUCHANAN

7 CAWLEY

9 DONNELLY

16 ROY

1 MORRISON

2 TAGGART

6 NEILL

15 MCKAY

20 O'DONNELL

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This afternoon the sides return to league action following their Scottish Cup ties last weekend. Similar to the Wasps, Falkirk exited the Scottish Cup at the 4th round stage losing out to League 2 side, Bonnyrigg Rose. The winner came in the dying embers of the game and the result ultimately ended their unbeaten run of 26 games. However, in the league, it has been plain sailing for the side that currently sit top of the table. Although a game extra played, they find themselves 9 points ahead of their closest challengers, Hamilton,

and look to be favourites to return to the second tier after a 5-year absence. They are yet to be defeated in the league and in their 16 victories, and 5 draws, have scored a remarkable 51 goals. What is more impressive is that they have only conceded 13 at the same time.

**THE BOSS –
JOHN MCGLYNN**

The Bairns will continue to be led by an experienced manager, John McGlynn. Beginning his managerial career in 2005 as caretaker manager to Hearts but would receive his first full-time

gig at Starks Park with Raith Rovers. After guiding them to the Second Division title, he would continue his success by winning PFA Manager of the Year award in 2011. That form would see him earn a move back to Hearts where he will remember a draw at Anfield against Liverpool fondly from his time. Livingston as a manager, Celtic as a scout, would follow before returning once more to Starks Park. This time again was met with more success as he lifted the League 1 title and 2 Challenge Cups. These accolades saw him earn a place in the Raith



*may include equivalent competitions



4-3 victory for the Citizens. This season he currently sits on 4, with half of those in the league. He earned his first start for his new side away to his former club in the 2-2 draw at Meadowbank. However, was subbed off at half-time with Falkirk 2-0 down. He will be looking to get off the mark shortly for his new side to aid their promotion chances.

ONE TO WATCH – ROSS MACLIVER

Falkirk have an abundance of attacking options to pick from for this part of the programme, however, from an Alloa perspective it is hard to look past former forward, Ross MacIver. Top scorer at the club on 13 goals, it has been a dream move for MacIver on his return to full-time football. Of course, one of those strikes did come against Alloa in the side's first meeting of the season which Falkirk won 4-1. His tally is already double the 6 that he scored last season in Alloa colours. Not only known for his goal threat, his all-round link up play, with his ability to hold up the ball, win flick-on's, and allow his forwards to come into attack, makes him a real threat the Alloa defenders will know all too well. MacIver is still seeking his first goal of 2024, with his last strike coming on the 30th December against Stirling Albion.

THE CONNECTION

Ross MacIver is just one of the connections between the two clubs after he made the switch in the summer across the Clackmannanshire bridge. Former

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Rovers Hall of Fame. In 2022, he made the switch to rivals, Falkirk, in a bid to bring them back into the Championship. Last season's league campaign fell short, however, a Scottish Cup semi-final gave the Bairns plenty memories and they now look to build on that with promotion this year.

THE CAPTAIN – STEPHEN MCGINN

Falkirk will be captained by the household name, Stephen McGinn. The famous football family with brother John, a Scotland and Aston Villa star, and Paul, who we played last week with Motherwell. The third and eldest brother, Stephen, has been with Falkirk since the beginning of last season. Now 35-years-old, the midfielder has had a varied career starting off at St Mirren before enjoying time down South with Watford, Sheffield United, and Wycombe Wanderers. North of the border, Dundee, St Mirren, Hibernian, Morton, Kilmarnock, and of

course, Falkirk, are on a stacked playing CV. At both Kilmarnock and St Mirren, he lifted Scotland's second tier league title, and now looks to take his current side into that division. However, he hasn't had many minutes this year, having only played 113 minutes in the league and captain duties falling to Coll Donaldson.

NEW BOY – RYAN SHANLEY

A major player in this transfer market has been Edinburgh City, with many players coming and going at Meadowbank. A striker who departed the club was Ryan Shanley, as he signed on at Falkirk at the beginning of the window. Following the footsteps of his strike partner, Jordan Allan, Shanley bolsters Falkirk's attacking options for the second half of the season. At the age of 23, Shanley dropped out of full-time football when he made his loan deal from Hibernian permanent at Edinburgh in 2021. He scored 9 goals last season, including a hat-trick against the Wasps in a



BY KIEREN MOONEY

Alloa keeper, Jay Hogarth's, brother, Nicky will play in goals for the visitors. Nicky will be a recognisable face having been along to Recreation Park supporting his younger brother in the past year. Alloa made 2 signings from Falkirk in the summer. PJ Morrison, who played excellent last week saving a penalty against Blair Spittal, signed from Falkirk last summer. Also, returning to Alloa was Stevie Hetherington who captained the Bairns for 2 seasons. With his injury blow against Motherwell, it is debatable whether we will see Hetherington against his

former club. These signings add to Conor Sammon as ex-Bairns, with the Irishman playing for the club between 2019-2021.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Much like their record against everyone in the division, this has been a fixture Falkirk have enjoyed so far this season. With 2 victories out of 2 for the Bairns, they currently sit on an aggregated score of 8-1. The opening fixture between the sides ending 4-1 to the visitors here at the In-dodrigill. Goals from Calvin Miller, Alfredo Agyeman, Ross MacIver, and Oluwasegun Lawal swept

aside Brad Rodden's strike. The following game at Falkirk got off to a perfect start for Falkirk with Agyeman opening the scoring on the 3rd minute and following it up on the 23rd. Coll Donaldson struck a goal of the season contender 10 minutes later to seal a 3-0 victory. With a new installed belief in this Alloa squad and a return to home comforts, the Wasps will be hoping to overcome the challenge of the red-hot title favourites and continue their unbeaten streak of 5 in the league.



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BRIAN ROACH



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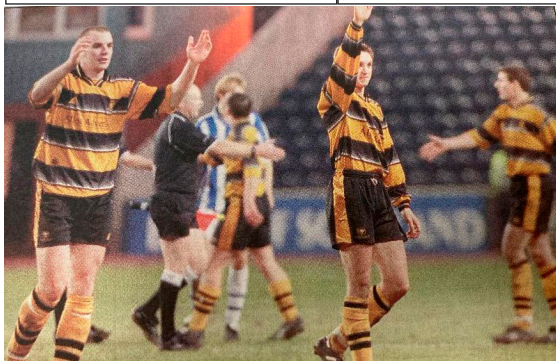
Last week's trip to Fir Park ended a hiatus of almost 28 years since last visiting the ground in 1996. In the last two decades Alloa's domestic participation across all of the lower three tiers has provided supporters the opportunity to really travel the length and breadth of the country watching the team.

I've removed League One clubs from the table below which provides an updated list

of Scottish senior grounds and Alloa's last visits. Bonnyrigg Rose is an obvious exception, as Alloa have yet to visit New Dundas Park in a competitive game. Kil-marnock's Rugby Park now represents the longest gap- Alloa's last visit there in the Scottish Cup at the turn of the millennium producing a goal-less draw before famously defeating them at Recreation Park in the replay through a Martin Cameron goal.

There are a few disclaimers within the table. For example Alloa have not faced St Johnstone

at McDiarmid Park for 19 years- but of course played there in the 2015 Challenge Cup Final against Livingston. Similarly, Alloa played at Spartans Ainslie Park in 2018, facing Edinburgh City also in the Challenge Cup who were using Spartans stadium at the time. A generation of supporters of a reasonable age should have lots of these stadiums now ticked off. How many of the listed matches below did you attend?



Team	Stadium	Last Visit	Competition	Last Result	Last Score
Aberdeen	Pittodrie Stadium	August 2013	League Cup	D	0-0*
Airdrie	New Broomfield	January 2023	League One	L	0-4
Arbroath	Gayfield	April 2021	Championship	L	1-2
Ayr United	Somerset Park	July 2023	League Cup	L	0-6
Bonnyrigg Rose	New Dundas Park	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Celtic	Celtic Park	September 2016	League Cup	L	0-2
Clyde	New Douglas Park**	December 2022	League One	D	2-2
Dumbarton	Dumbarton Stadium	February 2022	League One	W	2-1
Dundee	Dens Park	December 2020	Championship	L	1-3
Dundee United	Tannadice	December 2019	Championship	L	1-2
Dunfermline	East End Park	March 2023	League One	L	0-2
East Fife	New Bayview	March 2022	League One	W	3-0
Elgin City	Borough Briggs	November 2019	Scottish Cup	W	3-1
Forfar	Station Park	April 2018	League One	W	1-0
Greenock Morton	Cappielow	April 2021	Championship	D	1-1
Hearts	Tynecastle	April 2021	Championship	L	0-6
Hibs	Easter Road	July 2019	League Cup	L	0-2
Inverness	Caledonian Stadium	February 2021	Championship	D	2-2
Kilmarnock	Rugby Park	February 2000	Scottish Cup	D	0-0
Livingston	Almondvale	October 2020	League Cup	L	1-2
Motherwell	Fir Park	January 2024	Scottish Cup	L	1-3
Partick	Firhill	November 2019	Championship	D	1-1
Peterhead	Balmoor Stadium	March 2023	League One	W	2-0
Queens Park	Hampden***	March 2022	League One	D	1-1
Raith	Starks Park	July 2021	League Cup	D	0-0****
Rangers	Ibrox Stadium	April 2016	Championship	D	1-1
Ross County	Victoria Park	January 2019	Championship	L	0-2
St Johnstone	McDiarmid Park	July 2005	Challenge Cup	L	0-2
St Mirren	St Mirren Park	January 2019	Scottish Cup	L	2-3
Stenhousemuir	Ochilview	July 2023	League Cup	W	3-1
Stranraer	Stair Park	February 2018	League One	L	0-1
Spartans	Ainslie Park	December 2003	Scottish Cup	L	3-5

*Aberdeen won this match 6-5 on a penalty shootout.

**Temporary home for Clyde after leaving Broadwood Stadium

*** Alloa's previous meeting with Queens Park took place at Firhill

**** Raith Rovers won this match on penalties

HT QUIZ

1. WHICH STRIKER, ON LOAN AT ALLOA IN 2019, WAS THE ONLY FORMER PLAYER TO SCORE IN THE SCOTTISH CUP 4TH ROUND TIES LAST WEEKEND?
2. SINCE THE TURN OF THE MILLENNIUM NINE ENGLAND INTERNATIONALS HAVE LIFTED THE FA CUP AS CAPTAIN- HOW MANY CAN YOU NAME?
3. FALKIRK ARE UNBEATEN IN LEAGUE ONE THIS SEASON. WHICH 2 CLUBS ARE ALSO UNBEATEN SO FAR ACROSS THE MAJOR EUROPEAN LEAGUES?
4. CAN YOU NAME THE THREE GERMAN STADIUMS WHERE SCOTLAND WILL PLAY THEIR GROUP STAGE MATCHES IN THE SUMMER EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
5. PUT THESE NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN ORDER BY MOST AFRICAN CUP OF NATIONS WINS- ALGERIA, EGYPT, MOROCCO
6. WHICH TWO NATIONS WILL PLAY IN GROUP A OF THE NATIONS LEAGUE WHO ARE RANKED LOWER THAN SCOTLAND IN THE FIFA WORLD RANKINGS

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FALKIRK

#	POS				
	1		PJ MORRISON		
	21		KEIR BURT		
	41		TOCHUKWU OGAYI		
	2		SCOTT TAGGART		
	3		EUAN DEVENEY		
	4		STEPHEN HETHERINGTON		
	5		ANDY GRAHAM		
	6		MORGYN NEILL		
	7		KEVIN CAWLEY		
	8		KURTIS ROBERTS		
	9		LUKE DONNELLY		
	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		
	29		REECE MULLEN		
			MANAGER ANDY GRAHAM		

#	POS				
	1		SAM LONG		
	2		TOM LANG		
	3		LEON MCCANN		
	4		STEPHEN MCGINN		
	5		LIAM HENDERSON		
	6		COLL DONALDSON		
	7		CALLUM MORRISON		
	8		BRAD SPENCER		
	10		AIDAN NESBITT		
	11		ALFREDO AGYEMAN		
	14		FINN YEATS		
	15		DYLAN TAIT		
	17		ROSS MACIVER		
	18		GARY OLIVER		
	19		RYAN SHANLEY		
	20		LAYTON BISLAND		
	23		ETHAN ROSS		
	26		SEAN MACKIE		
	29		CALVIN MILLER		
	31		NICKY HOGARTH		
			MANAGER JOHN MCGLYNN		

REFEREE: Peter Stuart

ASST: Colin McAlpine & David Ingram

ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

03.02.24, GALABANK, 15:00

	ANNAN ATHLETIC		ALLOA ATHLETIC
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10.02.24, INDODRILL STADIUM, 15:00

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		STIRLING ALBION
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13.02.24, INDODRILL STADIUM, 19:45

	ALLOA ATHLETIC		ANNAN ATHLETIC
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17.02.24, INDODRILL STADIUM, 15:00

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

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