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## RUNNERS UP

1938/39

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE 1 RUNNERS UP

1976/77 1981/82

1984/85 1988/89 1999/00

2001/02 2009/10 2012/13

2016/17

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE 2 WINNERS

1997/1998 2011/2012

## CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

1999/2000

## RUNNERS-UP

2001/02 2014/15

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1904/5 1907/8 1908/9

1912/13 1920/21 1924/25

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1957/58 1959/60 1965/66

1981/82 1996/97

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Jock Hepburn, 1 Cap  
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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
FALKIRK	22	17	5	0	56	13	43	56
HAMILTON ACCIES	23	14	6	3	48	17	31	48
ALLOA ATHLETIC	23	10	5	8	31	36	-5	35
COVE RANGERS	23	9	7	7	38	33	5	34
MONTROSE	23	9	6	8	35	32	3	33
KELTY HEARTS	23	8	7	8	33	35	-2	31
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	24	8	4	12	30	36	-6	28
STIRLING	23	7	5	11	23	37	-14	26
ANNAN ATHLETIC	24	4	7	13	33	49	-16	19
EDINBURGH CITY	24	2	4	18	29	68	-39	4

## WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

### LEAGUE 1

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

### CHAMPIONSHIP

RAITH ROVERS	DUNDEE UNITED
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DUNFERMLINE	ARBROATH
INVERNESS CT	PARTICK THISTLE
QUEEN'S PARK	GREENOCK MORTON

### PREMIER LEAGUE

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

### LEAGUE 2

BONNYRIGG ROSE	EAST FIFE
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**DEFENDERS**

**Scott TAGGART**

27/12/1991

183 CM 75 KG



**Euan DEVENEY**

16/11/2002

CM KG



**Morgyn NEILL**

10/03/1996

CM KG



**Keir BURT**

09/09/2004

175 CM 69 KG



**Andy GRAHAM**

22/09/1983

188 CM 85 KG



**David MCKAY**

17/06/1998

CM KG



**Paul MCLAREN**

01/04/2004

185 CM 76 KG



**Tochukwu OGAYI**

10/10/1996

CM KG



**David DEVINE**

20/06/2001

CM KG



**Ethan SUTHERLAND**

26/04/2006

CM KG



**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



**Bobby WALES**

23/06/2005





## AFTER A LATE WIN AGAINST ANNAN

It wasn't a great performance, Graham said. We started brightly; in the first half, I thought we were okay, we were good, we went in 1-0. The second half we were poor from about 55 minutes onwards, it wasn't a great performance from us, but they've got a lot about them. It's a poor goal to lose from our point of view, but I take responsibility for that, that's me to deal with that from set plays. It's a great finish, but to then not feel sorry for yourself, go up the park, score, and win the game, you've got to credit the boys'

character, and that's testament to that group in there.

That's testament to his character and his professionalism. He's the first one to be celebrating when we score a goal and he's on the bench. Likewise, the boys that get taken off, when Sammo goes and scores the winner, you see them all, they're all in this together. That's really important at this stage of the season that we've got a dressing room that is like that, and you see that in their reaction. I'm delighted for Sammo because he deserves it for

the way, not just him, they all look after themselves and take their opportunity when it comes.

The positive thing for me is – we didn't play well Saturday, we won, we didn't play well tonight, we won. That's really important at this stage of the season when you're trying to fight for those playoff positions and there's plenty of teams making a bid for it. We're one of them and we're hoping to be right in about it come the end of the season.

Cove are a really good side and it was a really tight game when we played them up there, scored in the last minute. It's down to us to improve on tonight's performance first and foremost and work on a game plan to hopefully get us another three points.



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## JOHN GLENCROSS



# NEWSDESK

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium as we welcome Cove Rangers FC for our third encounter of this season, welcome to their manager Paul Hartley, assistant manager Gordon Young, Goalkeeping Coach Derek Soutar and Fitness Coach Tam Ritchie, the players, officials, and directors of Cove Rangers FC. The Wasps have now moved into third position in the league after winning their last three consecutive matches Annan Athletic (A) 3-2, Stirling Albion (H) 1-0 and Annan Athletic again on Tuesday night in a rescheduled match (H) 2-1.

Our Cinch League One game against Kelty Hearts which was

postponed on Saturday 30th December, 2023, has now been rearranged for Tuesday 19th February, 2024, Kick-Off 7.45pm at New Central Park, Kelty.

Today's match mascot is nine-year-old Harry Martin, cousin of Kieren Mooney, Harry attends Mearns Primary School in Newton Mearns, Glasgow. His favourite clubs are Alloa Athletic and Chelsea, he loves playing football, rugby, golf, drawing and Pokemon. His favourite Alloa Athletic player is Kevin Cawley and wishes Enzo Fernandez could sign for "The Wasps" Harry has been coming to the Alloa games with his grandad, Ted, Dad, John and cousin Kier-

en for a few years now. He loves all things football and spending time with his family and dog Loui! Often you can see Harry in the Press Box helping Kieren with the commentary.

Alloa Athletic Women last Sunday showed their support for Football v. Homophobia, raising awareness for this crucial cause, together we can stand against discrimination. We take this opportunity to celebrate diversity and inclusion in sport. Football has the power to bring people together and we must ensure its always accessible to all. #FootballForEveryone. The Alloa girls defeated Dumbarton United 6-3 with Alloa's Rihanna

McMinimee scoring four of the goals (7 mins, 59 mins, 67 mins & 89 mins).

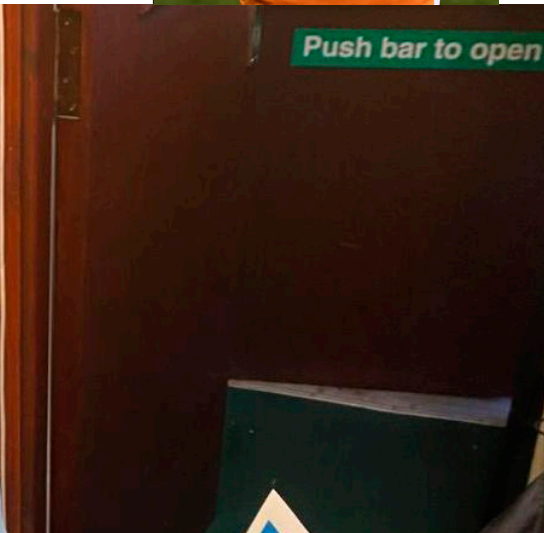
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Our next Football Memories meeting will take place on

Monday 11th March, 2024 at the Indodrill Stadium, starting at 11.30 – 1.00 O’clock, last Monday’s event was very well attended with 30 people coming along and meeting and hearing former Alloa Athletic player and manager Alex Totten.

Wasps 2000 Draw - Week 6  
10th February 2024

- £ 100 0259 P.McKenzie
- £ 50 0553 J.Glencross
- £ 25 0422 R.Borland
- £ 25 1396 A.Graham
- £ 25 0802 M.Lawson





# ALLOA'S REST OF THE WORLD XI

In a recent edition of The Wasp, I formulated an Alloa XI who could have also played in the African Cup of Nations. As a recap, that formidable team comprised goalkeeper Tochukwu Ogayi (Nigeria) and a backline of Fernandy Mendy (Guinea-Bissau), Josh Debayo (Nigeria) and Robbie Raeside (South Africa). The midfield four would have been Jose Quitongo (Angola), Mouhamed 'Sena' Niang (Senegal), John MacKay (South Africa) & one of Davie Hogg, Bobby Hume or Ally Dick (all South Africa), although in hindsight I should have included either Steve 'Spider' Ramsay (thanks to Donald Pollock for advising that Alloa's cult hero was born in Germiston, South Africa - not the neighbourhood in Glasgow!) or Burton O'Brien

(born in Johannesburg, South Africa). The front three would have been Scott Murray (Kenya), Graeme Brown (South Africa) and Ahmed Aloulou (Tunisia). To expand on that topic, its also possible to create an Alloa XI of other players who were born outside of the British Isles.

### GOALKEEPER: GUIDO VAN DE KAMP - DEN BOSCH, NETHERLANDS

Mark Cairns' broken arm in the Scottish Cup against Aberdeen left Terry Christie with a goalkeeping crisis. Fortunately, Dutch keeper Guido van de Kamp was available after leaving Raith due to a financial dispute. Aged 36 at the time, van de Kamp had been playing in Scotland for a decade after spells with Dunfermline and Dundee United too. In his 13 matches

for the Wasps he kept 2 clean sheets, including a miraculous performance in a goalless draw versus Clyde at the Recs. Although he was faultless in many games, when it came to a relegation six-pointer versus his former club, confusion between the keeper and Stevie Thomson led to Raith's first goal in a costly defeat which went a long way in condemning Alloa to relegation. Van de Kamp returned to his native Netherlands at the end of the season.

### DEFENCE: MIKK REINTAM - TALLINN, ESTONIA

Danny Lennon made a number of left-field signings during the summer of 2015, as he tried to re-build a vintage Alloa side whose best players had moved on after performing heroics for four years, rising from the Third Division to back-to-back survival seasons in the Championship. Amongst the most head scratching signings was 25 year old Estonian international defender Mikk Reintam, who swapped playing in the Czech Republic with the Scottish Championship.



Unfortunately, the towering central defender largely struggled to adapt to the harsh realities of the Scottish game. Some basic and costly errors leading directly to goals during Mikk's early matches saw him in and out of the side early in the season. He did settle down though and started ten successive games between September and December, and I recall him personally performing admirably in a 4-0 defeat at Ibrox.

Ultimately though, Alloa were winless during that run and Mikk only made a single cameo from the bench under new manager Jack Ross (in Ross' first game in charge against St Mirren) prior to being an unused sub and then inevitably leaving the club in March 2016. In-fact, the only game where Mikk finished on the winning side during his 16 appearances for Alloa was on his debut in the Stirlingshire Cup against Stirling Albion. Speaking to the Alloa Advertiser's Graeme Lafferty in November 2015 Mikk himself admitted the difficulties he had encountered "The game here is much more physical than what I was used to before and the referees allow you to play that way so it has taken some time to get used to it, but I'm learning every week and I try and pick up as much as possible. I think I'm getting better and better". Happily for Mikk, after leaving the Recs he returned to Czech and Estonian football, even adding to his 11 (won prior to joining the Wasps) international caps in 2018 with a run-out against Sweden. Now retired from the game, 33 year old Reintam works for Nordic banking giants Nordea back in his capital city birthplace as a business analyst and methods expert.



**DEFENCE: CĂTĂLIN PĂUN – BUCHAREST, ROMANIA**

In addition to Reintam, Lennon's summer business in 2015 included Romanian defender Cătălin Păun, a 27 year old who had moved from his homeland to work at Stirling University and had turned out for the Uni side too. Păun's pedigree included spells at Rapid Bucharest and CS Balotesti and, if Wikipedia can be believed Păun also earned two international caps at Under 21 level for Romania in 2009. After impressing in pre-season as a trialist, his time with the Wasps once signed was less successful. It totalled three cup appearances – the 1-0 away win at Brora Rangers and the embarrassing defeats at Berwick (2-3 AET having been 2-0 up at half-time) and at home to Elgin City (0-2 AET) and three minutes in the Championship at the end of Alloa's 2-0 win at Dumbarton in September. Thereafter, Păun was an unused sub on ten further occasions and left within a month of Jack Ross becoming manager. Curiously, Păun is the only Alloa player to have ever worn the number 13 shirt for the club, as far as I am aware. Alloa first used squad numbers in the 2014/15 season and no player has ever chosen the unlucky number 13 shirt, except for Păun!



**DEFENCE: ZDRAVKO KARADACHKI – BLAGOEVGRAD, BULGARIA**

Karadachki joined the Wasps in 2018 from Edinburgh City and started the first half dozen games of the season alongside skipper Andy Graham at the heart of Alloa's defence. However, after picking up two bookings inside a minute (the second of which resulted in a Caley penalty) he never played a single minute more for Jim Goodwin's Championship survivors. Jim's comments after the match gave a clear indication that he'd lost faith in his Bulgarian signing "He'll miss next weekend, but I'm not too concerned. It's an area of the pitch we are trying to strengthen anyway because we are very short". Within weeks Sam Roscoe was signed on loan from Aberdeen and Karadachki found himself either in the stands on matchday, or warming the bench (14 times) without playing. After returning to his homeland for a couple of years, Karadachki then spent a couple of seasons in the fifth and sixth tiers of French football, before returning home to Bulgaria for a third spell with third tier FC Septemvri Simitli.



**WINGER: JAN SZPULA – LA-SISKA GORNE, POLAND**

Signed by the Wasps in 1947 from Beith the former Polish Army soldier scored 10 goals in 27 games for Alloa before being snapped up by Stirling Albion, where he won promotion and played in the top tier for Albion. However, Szpula was forced into early retirement from the football field, with a testimonial match taking place in 1952 against a Stirlingshire Select XI to raise funds for Jan. The Pole then had a long career working at Rossleigh's Garage in Stirling and, amazingly, Jan celebrated his 101st birthday last month, residing at Randolph Hill Nursing Home in Dunblane and surrounded on his special day by his loving family!

**MIDFIELD: MURRAY MILLER – SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

To continue the Stirling connection, current Albion midfielder Murray Miller was born in Sydney. Murray was of course on loan with the Wasps last season and grew in confidence as

the campaign went on, with both of his goals in Alloa colours being long range screamers against Clyde and Montrose. Things haven't really progressed since then for the young midfielder, with his hopes of securing a full-time deal over the summer not coming to fruition and not being able to force his way into Darren Young's starting XI so far at Forthbank either.

**MIDFIELD: MIKO VIRTANEN – TAMPERE, FINLAND**

Current Wasps midfielder Miko Virtanen became Alloa's first player born in the Nordic region as far as I can establish. The tough tackling Finland native has had to bide his time for regular minutes this season, such has been the form of Stevie Hetherington, Stefan Scougall and Kurtis Roberts in Alloa's engine room. However, Hetherington's knee injury has given Miko an opportunity to impress in the past few weeks. I'd suggest that he's taken that chance so far, putting in his finest performance in an Alloa shirt in the away win at Annan. Down at Galabank Virtanen was pressing with purpose and won back possession high up the pitch on several occasions. Like any player who hasn't had a run of games, getting back into that rhythm can be difficult, so it is encouraging to see that Virtanen is beginning to show the promise Alloa supporters remember from facing him in Arbroath colours a few years ago.

**MIDFIELD: JUAN CALDERON – SPAIN**

It's fair to say that historic information about Juan Calderon is sparse. What I've managed to glean is that Tom Hendrie signed the Stirling University student in December 2004 after he impressed in training. His previous team was Deportivo Andratx

in Spain, who are based on the Balearic Islands and are in the fourth tier of Spanish football. On paper, that sounds like a high level of the Spanish game, but in fact the set up there is three top leagues, with the fourth tier featuring 360 teams divided into 18 regional groups. On signing the defensive midfielder, who first appeared as a substitute trialist in a 2-2 draw at Morton, Hendrie commented "Juan looked good when he got on and was able to put his foot on the ball and made several good passes". After signing, three further substitute appearances quickly followed, but by February the English Literature student wasn't even making the bench. The 27 year old was, however, recalled for the end of season dead rubber at Forfar, where in his only start for the club he scored Alloa's goal in a 1-1 draw. Calderon looped home a header from John Ovenstone's long throw to become, as far as I am aware, Alloa's first (but not last, thanks to Javier Payo) Spanish goalscorer. The feedback from fans afterwards wasn't particularly positive for Juan though, as he was described as one of the slowest ever players for the club and short of any kind of fitness. However, in his five appearances for the club he never finished on the losing side and moved back to Spain to play again in the fourth tier, this time for Binissalem, who also play on the Balearic Islands.

**WINGER: DARIO ZANATTA – VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA**

The end of the transfer window saw Dario Zanatta depart the Scottish game and return home to Canada to sign for Vancouver Island based side Pacific FC. That move brought to an end an eventful nine years on these shores at Hearts, Queen's

Park (loan), Raith (loan), Alloa (loan), Partick, Ayr, Raith (again) and latterly Hamilton. On his day Zanatta was a match-winner for all his sides, with his star arguably shining most brightly when in Alloa colours. Dario's goals were simply the difference between Alloa staying up and being relegated in the 2018/19 season, with crucial wins over Partick, Dundee United (THAT mazy dribble and finish) and Ross County being thanks to Zanatta strikes. Either on the wing or upfront, Zanatta's direct running and willingness to learn and graft for the team were a joy to watch. Like many flair players his form with other clubs was regularly hot and cold, with me not alone in thinking he would be playing further up the food chain at the age of 26. Hopefully his fresh start back in

Canada can act as a springboard for Zanatta fully blossoming in the years to come.

**STRIKER: GIACOMO LONZI, LIVORNO, ITALY**

I could have easily selected French duo Armand Oné or Hervé Ebanda, or Spaniard Javier Payo as my lone frontman, but I fear that my unhealthy misty-eyed memories of this cult trio have already been told too many times in this fine publication. As such, the striker in my Rest of the World XI is a player who signed for the club, but never actually played a minute in the first team. Just like Cătălin Păun and Juan Calderon in later years, Lonzi pitched up at the Recs in 1996 via Stirling Uni. The marketing student was signed after scoring five goals in two games for the reserve side, with manager Tom Hendrie thinking he'd unearthed

a gem in the Livorno born 25 year old. However, a groin injury prevented the striker making the breakthrough and hence Lonzi was the striker Alloa signed, but never played!



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	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals		
					F.	A.	P.
St. Johnstone ... ..	29	16	3	10	63	27	42
Cowdenbeath... ..	30	16	5	9	59	26	41
Bathgate ... ..	29	13	5	11	46	30	37
Stenhousemuir ... ..	29	13	6	10	43	25	36
King's Park ... ..	29	14	8	7	60	40	35
Albion Rovers ... ..	29	12	7	10	52	41	34
Bo'ness... ..	30	12	9	9	40	40	33
Johnstone ... ..	29	14	11	4	43	38	32
Dunfermline Ath. ...	30	11	10	9	38	35	31
Dundee United ... ..	28	9	8	11	30	29	29
Forfar Athletic ... ..	28	11	11	6	31	42	28
Dumbarton ... ..	29	12	13	4	39	43	28
Armadale ... ..	30	11	13	6	38	49	28
East Fife ... ..	30	11	13	6	32	37	28
Alloa ... ..	29	11	14	4	35	42	26
St. Bernards ... ..	28	9	12	7	36	41	25
Broxburn United ...	29	9	15	5	36	44	23
Vale of Leven ... ..	29	7	16	6	27	52	20
Arbroath ... ..	29	6	16	7	32	43	19
Lochgelly United ...	29	2	24	3	12	70	7



# REFEREE RAGE AND HEADRICK'S BAD DAY

Promotion was gone and the Scottish Cup adventure was over, but Alloa certainly weren't without motivation as they prepared to face Bo'ness at the Recs 100 years ago. The trip over the Forth to Newtown Park earlier in the campaign had ended in acrimony with both sides complaining about refereeing decisions. Bo'ness felt the official had got in the way of their defenders

in the build up to Alloa's equaliser. The Wasps were then enraged by a handball just before Bo'ness grabbed the decisive goal in a 2-1 win. The Alloa players had initially refused to carry on with the game and it was only with the intervention of the committee that they agreed to finish the contest. The final whistle had seen further angry scenes with Alloa alleging that defender

James Headrick had been pelted with stones and "molested" by the home crowd as he left the field, charges denied by Bo'ness. As such, the rematch on February 16th 1924 was far from a meaningless fixture and with Alloa perhaps mindful of emotions running high, Headrick would sit this one out, his place at the back taken by local trialist Rennie of Alva Albion Rangers.



The new defender impressed as Alloa kept Bo'ness out but failed to press home their advantage at the other end, despite "bombarding" the visiting goal. The West Lothian press claimed that the match had passed off peacefully this time: "There was not the slightest trace of feeling – both teams played the game, and the spectators were lost in admiration over the quality of play", reported the Linlithgowshire Gazette, with particular praise for the match official, a Mr Craigmyle of Aberdeen. That wasn't altogether the consensus on this side of the Forth though, the Wasps convinced that they should have had a penalty when James Lennie was pulled down in the box as he made to shoot. Once again, the Alloa committee were involved, one of the Wasps' blazers attempting to corner Mr Craigmyle before he left the Recs. Under the headline "A CANNY ABERDONIAN", the Evening News explained that the official was having none of it: "The Aberdonian, with the caution of his race, merely replied 'When the game's done, I'm done'. And that was that. The match finished 0-0 and Alloa had failed in their bid for revenge, the only positives being a clean sheet and impressive debut from Rennie, while Morris was Alloa's star man in midfield, the Sunday Post noting that his form

was approaching the levels of his better-known brother at Raith Rovers.

Bertie Dunn made a long overdue reappearance the following week as the Wasps travelled to Boghead to take on Dumbarton. Also back in the team was James Headrick – but this turned out to be a particularly bad afternoon for the local defender who would have been better off watching once more from the stand. The Sons started well with their "nippy" forwards causing Alloa problems from the outset. Stalker put the home team ahead from a Thomson cross before promptly setting up Kennedy for the second goal. Love headed past Crawford to make it 3-0 before the break as Alloa wilted. Any slight hopes of a comeback disappeared early in the second half when home keeper Chalmers saved a penalty from Headrick and the subsequent rebound from Paterson. The unfortunate Headrick then miskicked a clearance to set up Stalker for the fourth before Miller netted a penalty for a final score of Dumbarton 5 Alloa 0. "HEADRICK'S BAD DAY" was the headline in the Evening News with the Alva man perhaps adding Dumbarton to Bo'ness on his list of least favourite away days. There was plenty of praise for Dumbarton though, the Sons now unbeaten in four and said to be "revelation.....if they had been showing the same form earlier in the season they would have been about the

top of the division".

The Wasps now had a Thursday afternoon engagement with Forfar in a match which had been postponed due to Alloa playing Hibs in the Scottish Cup earlier in the month. The impressive 1-1 draw at Easter Road now felt like a distant memory. The Wasps had been thumped 5-0 in the replay before being held 0-0 by Bo'ness and had then suffered another 5-0 thrashing at Dumbarton. A new keeper by the name of Prophet took to the field against Forfar with the Wasps desperately hoping he would bring good tidings. It was Bruce in the home goal who impressed most in the opening period with a string of fine saves to deny an Alloa attack in which Paterson in particular was to the fore. The Wasps would come to regret those missed chances when Forfar grabbed the lead shortly before the break. Alloa were again on top in the second half and again failed to press home the advantage. In the closing stages and with darkness descending around Station Park, McLean added a second to seal Forfar's win and extend Alloa's miserable run.

The Wasps were badly in need of a tonic as they prepared for two high profile matches against local opposition. Alloa fans could only hope that the games against King's Park and Cowdenbeath would bring out the best in their favourites. 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	17 (1)	0	5 (0)	0	22 (1)	0	17 (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	21 (2)	2	3 (0)	0	24 (2)	2	250 (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	20 (0)	0	6 (1)	1	26 (1)	1	20 (0)	0
DEVENEY	DEF	9 (3)	0	3 (3)	0	12 (6)	0	9 (3)	0
MCKAY	DEF	8 (3)	1	5 (2)	0	13 (5)	1	8 (3)	1
SUTHERLAND	DEF	3 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	1 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	176 (31)	2
SCOUGALL	MID	13 (2)	0	5 (1)	0	18 (3)	0	72 (20)	8
O'DONNELL	MID	11 (2)	1	4 (1)	0	15 (3)	1	27 (36)	10
CAWLEY	MID	10 (6)	1	1 (3)	1	11 (9)	2	334 (53)	64
HETHERINGTON	MID	17 (0)	0	6 (1)	0	23 (1)	0	154 (30)	6
VIRTANEN	MID	6 (5)	0	3 (3)	0	9 (8)	0	6 (5)	0
ROBERTS	MID	23 (0)	0	6 (1)	0	29 (1)	0	23 (0)	0
DONNELLY	FWD	1 (7)	1	1 (1)	0	2 (8)	1	13 (26)	8
SAMMON	FWD	7 (11)	4	6 (1)	3	13 (12)	7	58 (33)	23
BUCHANAN	FWD	8 (7)	2	4 (1)	1	12 (8)	3	8 (18)	2
RANKIN	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (11)	1
COULSON	FWD	10 (6)	1	5 (2)	1	15 (8)	2	22 (10)	2
CANNON	FWD	0 (3)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (4)	0	0 (3)	0
STEVEN	FWD	16 (2)	3	1 (0)	0	17 (2)	3	16 (2)	3
ROY	FWD	5 (6)	5	1 (1)	0	6 (7)	5	5 (6)	5
WALES	FWD	15 (0)	6	0 (0)	0	15 (0)	6	15 (0)	6



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APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
5 (0)	0	22 (1)	9
0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
2 (0)	0	8 (1)	0
58 (1)	3	308 (3)	16
54 (3)	1	243 (11)	15
2 (2)	0	3 (4)	0
2 (1)	0	26 (3)	0
6 (1)	1	26 (1)	1
3 (3)	0	12 (6)	0
5 (2)	0	13 (5)	1
0 (0)	0	3 (0)	0
44 (5)	2	220 (36)	4
19 (8)	2	91 (28)	10
9 (2)	0	36 (38)	10
67 (12)	12	401 (65)	76
33 (9)	1	187 (39)	7
3 (3)	0	9 (8)	0
6 (1)	0	29 (1)	0
4 (4)	2	17 (30)	10
18 (4)	9	76 (37)	32
6 (4)	1	14 (22)	3
0 (6)	0	0 (17)	1
5 (2)	1	27 (12)	3
0 (1)	0	0 (4)	0
1 (0)	0	17 (2)	3
1 (1)	0	6 (7)	5
0 (0)	0	15 (0)	6

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## A FAN'S VIEW

While we've had two wins to celebrate this week, the margin and style of victory have taken pride of place within the support.

First up was a 1-0 win over Darren Young's Stirling Albion on Saturday, with Taylor Steven providing a spectacular curling effort into the top corner that has put the on-loan St Johnstone forward as one of the red hot favourites for the goal of the season award. In fact, that shot ten minutes into the second half was the only effort credited as on target between the sides, according to the BBC - a clear sign that this game was more about

the defences being on top.

The Diageo man of the match, picked by the sponsors - Kurtis Roberts, was a worthy winner after another trademark lung-bursting shift in the centre of the pitch, but I can't help but think Morgyn Neill marshalling the troops from the centre of the park didn't deserve the nod and the plaudits on the day.

That win put clear daylight between the Wasps and their city rivals and set up Tuesday with not the mid-table pack, but finally promotion playoffs in sight.

It did not take long for Al-

loa to make their impact on the game either. After just six minutes, Miko Virtanen's high press released Taylor Steven and he charged into the box before squaring a pass to Bobby Wales on the six-yard box, and the Kilmarnock bagsman slotted home for his 6th goal in just 7 games.

Alloa would continue to knock on the door in the attempt to kill off the game - something they failed to do down in Annan just a couple of weeks prior - but Taylor Steven, Kurtis Roberts, and Ethan Sutherland would all have efforts off target.

Bobby Wales would force

a save from Annan keeper Jacques Heraghty on the hour mark, but after that, the Wasps endured a particularly fallow period, and the visitors made several forays that required PJ Morrison's swift attention. Ndiweni squirmed his way into the box, and Josh Walker was denied a low drive from the edge of the box.

It was highlighted how dangerous Annan were from set pieces, and ultimately that would be Alloa's undoing. While Alloa were focused on the height of Tommy Goss, Muir, and Swinglehurst, they were taken advantage of in the short corner. It allowed Docherty to cut back to Aidan Smith, who continued his record of scoring in every meeting between the sides by rifling a first-time left-footed effort into the top corner from just

inside the 18-yard box.

Alloa would not pass up on the potential jump up the table and rolled the dice with substitutions in search of that winner that would carry them up to third spot. Luke Donnelly, Alistair Roy, Steven Buchanan, and Conor Sammon were all thrown on and each of them played their part in a flowing Alloa move that freed Buchanan on the byline to cut a low cross to Kurtis Roberts. The midfielder fired truly and powerfully, but a strong hand by Heraghty again looked to have frustrated the Alloa midfielder, who is still in search of his first goal in black and gold. Up steps the veteran Conor Sammon reacting first to the rebound, bundling home yet again from within six yards and sparking jubilation and relief from the home support. The Irishman nods back in front in the top scorer charts with seven in all competitions

this season, and the Wasps jumped to third - their highest position of the season.

Despite the perception of Alloa not playing at their peak, a good visualization of how the team is growing can be seen from looking at the quarterly performance. Alloa managed just 8 points in the first quarter, a mammoth in comparison 17 in the second, and are now on course to equal or better that record with 10 points accrued halfway through the third. In fact, if the season had started midway through October, Alloa would find themselves 2 points ahead of Hamilton in third and just 6 points off league leaders Falkirk.

Let's hope the trend continues against Paul Hartley's Cove Rangers, the only team the Wasps have a 100% record against his season.





**ANDREW COCKBURN**



## **LOOKING BACK 15TH FEBRUARY 1975**

Scottish Cup fourth round day. And holders Celtic progressed to the quarter-finals, thanks to a comfortable 4-1 home win v Clydebank of Division One, however in was Ex Wasp Joe McCallan who opened the scoring for the Bankies, in goal for Celtic that day was Graham Barclay, his only ever first team match over 4 seasons at Parkhead as he was behind Peter Latchford, Dennis Connaghan and Ally Hunter, while the previous season's runners-up Dundee United were game less due to the cancellation of their own home tie v Aberdeen. Motherwell also made it to the last eight, after

they overcame Queen's Park comfortably by 4-0 at Fir Park and this was the game featured on Scotsport on the highlights on Sunday afternoon, Hearts triumphed 2-0 at Division Two front-runners Queen Of The South with goals from Ralph Callaghan & Willie Gibson, Airdrie went through to the next round thanks to another Ex Wasp the late Willie McCulloch who recently passed away putting them ahead in 2-0 victory v Falkirk at Broomfield, as were Arbroath v Albion Rovers at Gayfield. In the two other ties, Dumbarton were 1-0 winners at Hamilton Accies, while Dundee were also successful by 1-0, at

Tayside rivals St. Johnstone. Rangers meantime had already been knocked out of the Scottish Cup in the previous round by Aberdeen after 1-1 draw at Pittodrie, Aberdeen won 2-0 at Ibrox. Therefore, Rangers played a league game v. Kilmarnock at Ibrox but only clinched a 3-3 draw after Derek Parlane scored a hat-trick with the equalizing goal in the 84th minute. Alloa Athletic had also been knocked out of the cup in the previous round by Albion Rovers, after a 1-1 draw at The Recs, Albion Rovers won 2-0 in the replay at Cliftonhill.

In Division Two, leaders Montrose enjoyed an emphatic 4-0 win at Raith, while Alloa remained in fourteenth place, after they shared two goals and the points at local rivals Stirling Albion, which had also been the same scoreline when the sides had met on 14th Sept, 1974 at the Recs. Billy Wilkinson and Donnie Wilson on target in the first game and Donnie Wilson and Robert Russell were the Wasps scorers at Annfield. And Alloa had lined up at Annfield as follows: George Whisker, Andy Campbell, Billy Wilkinson, Brian McGarry, Ian Watson, Davie Miller, Kevin Low, Jimmy Thomson, Donnie Wilson, Billy Morrison, Robert Russell.

South of the border, it was

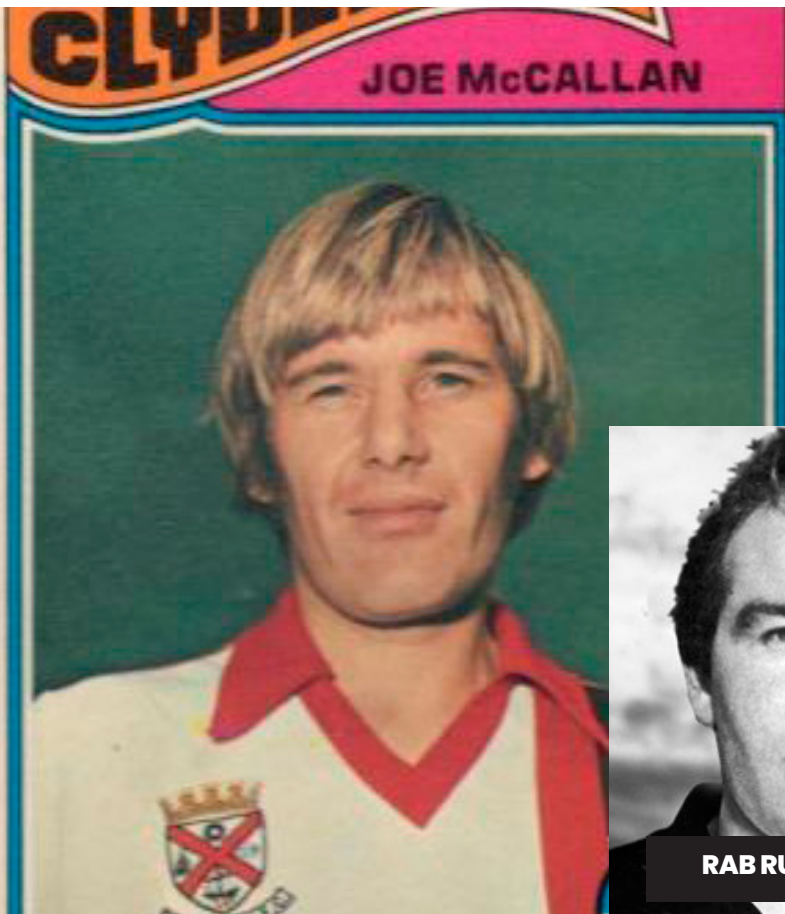
FA Cup fifth round day, and Second Division Fulham sprang a surprise, with a 2-1 win at First Division title favourites Everton. Ipswich overcame Aston Villa, who were chasing a Second Division promotion/FA Cup/League Cup "treble", by 3-2 at Portman Road, while at Upton Park, West Ham overcame London rivals QPR 3-1.

In The First Division, Stoke's point from a 2-2 home draw with Midlands rivals Wolves was still enough to move them to the top of the table, a point ahead of previous leaders Everton, who slipped to second spot, while third-placed Burnley's own title hopes suffered a setback, after a 0-3 defeat at Newcastle. Struggling Chelsea's relegation

worries increased after a 1-2 defeat at Sheffield United, but Spurs, another London side in danger of the drop, picked up a valuable point from a 1-1 draw at Coventry.

Second Division leaders Manchester United moved four points clear, after a 2-0 win v Hull at Old Trafford, while second-placed Sunderland and third-placed Norwich were both held to goal-less draws, at Notts County and Bolton respectively.

In the Rugby Internationals France defeated Scotland 10 - 9 in Paris, while Wales defeated England 20 - 4 to leave England bottom of the table.



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This afternoon we welcome Paul Hartley and his Cove Rangers side to the Indodrill for another massive match-up in the race for the play-offs. Depending on the result against Annan on Tuesday night for the Wasps, the table could look very different come 3pm on Saturday. One thing we know for sure, at the time of writing this on Monday 12th, is that only a couple of points will separate the sides in 3rd and 4th. Since their relegation from the Championship last season, they have had

a tough time of late in the league with no victories in their last 6 league games. However, prior to that were on a fantastic run of form which seen them rise to 3rd in the table. Scottish Cup success against Brora Rangers had given Cove a welcome win in that spell but they did drop out the Cup last Saturday to high-flying Kilmarnock 2-0 at Rugby Park. With cups out the way for both sides now, all attention can turn to the promotion race, which today could go a long way in cementing a place in those play-offs.

## THE BOSS – PAUL HARTLEY

Alloa welcomes back a former Wasp manager, Paul Hartley, once again to the Indodrill. After a glittered playing career with Celtic, Aberdeen, Hearts, and Scotland, to name a few, Hartley hung up the boots in 2012 to take up his first managerial gig at Alloa. With only 1 player signed to the club when he joined, Hartley created the foundations of arguably the club's most successful ever team, that included the likes of Soctt Bain, Ben Gordon,



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## NEW BOY – OLA LAWAL

Hartley moved in the window to one of his former teams, Falkirk, to bolster his squad options. Ola Lawal made the temporary switch to the Balmoral Stadium from league leaders Falkirk. The 22-year-old joined for the rest of the season after struggling for game time in his second season at the Bairns. Over the course of his Falkirk career, he has featured 40 times and scored 5 goals. One of those strikes was against Alloa in Falkirk's 5-0 win recently. Known to play with a lot of flair and trickery, the Irishman offers excitement for Hartley's side. Lawal will also link up with friend and former teammate, Rumarn Burrell, which will cause a point of optimism for Cove fans, considering his form.

## ONE TO WATCH – RUMARN BURRELL

As alluded to in the last segment, this afternoon's one to watch is most certainly English forward, Rumarn Burrell. The striker spent last season at Falkirk where he notched an impressive 9 goals, however, this season since the switch Northwards, has seen him take his game to a whole new level. In all competitions, Burrell has found the back of the net 21 times already this season, also chipping in with 7 assists. That totals to 28 goal contributions in 31 games, a remarkable return as we sit in February. 18 of those goals are in the league, making him the runaway favourite for golden boot as he sits 6 ahead of 2nd place,

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Ryan McCord, Stevie May, and of course, Kevin Cawley. That side would go onto win the Division 3 title at the first time of asking and back that up the following year with another promotion through the play-offs. Hartley had remarkably took this squad to the Championship and when he left during that season had the club sitting in 4th place. It was the lure of Dundee that took him away from Alloa but nobody can take away the memories of that fantastic side. A spell at Falkirk would follow Dundee before moving to Cove. Similar to here, he immediately guided the club to win promotion to League 1, and then at the 2nd season in that division would win another title for Cove. Hartlepool would attract him away for a short spell before returning to the Balmoral Stadium to hopefully replicate more success.

## THE CAPTAIN – MITCH MEGGINSON

Another familiar face in

Mitch Megginson captains Cove. Megginson began his career at Aberdeen before a few loan spells would eventually bring him to Alloa in 2012/13 under Paul Hartley. After departing Aberdeen in 2013, it was Dumbarton who snapped up the young striker and he would go on to score 16 goals in his 2 years. A brief spell at Alloa would follow once more, however, didn't last too long in 2016 before he moved to Cove. It seemed like a match made in heaven with his father, Mike, playing for the club in the late 1990's and early 2000's. That would prove to be the case as he has cemented himself as one of the clubs, if not thee, best ever player. With over 200 goals and 3 title winning squads, he takes his place not only in Cove history but SPFL goal-scoring history. In season 2023/24, Megginson is once again proving his worth for Hartley's men. 9 goals in all competitions, with 5 assists also, has been a great aid to his side's goal scoring options.



**BY KIEREN MOONEY**

Callumn Morrison. Alloa need no warning of the threat he possesses as found themselves on the receiving end of one of his goals back in the Wasps 2-1 victory in December.

### THE CONNECTION

As well as former manager great, Hartley, and Megginson returning, he also brings with him a few ex-Wasp players. The most recent of those is left-back, Luke Strachan. The Englishman spent time on loan at Alloa last season and following his release from Dundee in the summer made the move to Cove on a permanent basis. Strachan has yet to make a squad this season. Another returning Alloa player is midfielder, come to defender, Mohammed Niang. Better known as 'Sena' spent time on loan at the club under Barry Ferguson and latterly Brian Rice. Known for his combative midfield style, Sena certainly made

an impression against Cove when he was sent off just 19 seconds into the game. He was a fan favourite during his time at the club though for a player who could be relied upon to give his all. Sena has featured in all 8 games for Cove this season. In the Alloa ranks, Brian Rice signed 2 of Cove's players from last season. Morgyn Neill was the first of those and was due to join Alloa in January before it fell through at the last minute due to managerial changes at the Balmoral. Following that, Miko Virtanen spent time at Cove last season and will be hoping he is edging a return to play against his former side.

### PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The sides have met twice already this season, and it has been a fixture that Alloa have enjoyed so far. The Wasps have taken maximum points from the home and away fixtures. The first one of those matches came

at the start of September when a solitary Conor Sammon strike was the difference between the two teams. Alloa won that game 1-0. The next game at the Balmoral Stadium was under Andy Graham and had plenty of excitement for the travelling Wasps fans. The top scorer, Burrell, opened the scoring with a lovely dink just 18 minutes into the game. Alloa came out swinging in the 2nd half and showed great character to grab an equaliser through Quinn Coulson on the hour mark. With most punters thinking a point-a-piece would be the outcome, Alloa continued to search for the winner. 92 minutes on the clock, Scott Taggart stabbed home the winning goal, making it 2-1 to the visitors. For Alloa to have their right-back up in the 6-yard box with seconds to go on the clock, shows the commitment and will to win from Andy Graham's men.



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## ALLOA ATHLETIC FC ON FILM

*"If you want to take what may prove to be your only chance to appear on Television, go along to the Recs to the Alloa Athletic v. East Fife game on Saturday. As already reported, scenes from the game - and from the terracing - will be included in a future episode of Dr Finlay's Casebook. And we understand Dr Finlay (Bill Simpson) will be attending the match. Let's hope not to prescribe for fainting or apoplectic Alloa fans, as they see chance after chance missed. A collection will be taken at this game in Aid of John White's Testimonial Fund."*

### **DR FINLAY'S CASEBOOK ON SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1964**

On the day the cameras started rolling about 9am with a scattering of people coming along to view the pre-match action which went on until about 12 noon. Fewer spectators than one might have expected turned

up, but all were impressed by the thoroughness of the production team. The same shots were taken time and time again until they had at least one good shot, saved on film. The desire for authenticity was such that stills of the dressing rooms in the grandstand to make sure the same stills could be re-created on the set, although you would have thought any dressing room would have done, not necessarily the one at the Recs.

The Tannochbrae United Supporters Club banner which had been quickly lettered on the tailboard on one of the BBC wagons in the morning, occupied its place of honour in front of the Recs grandstand in the afternoon before the League game.

If there were few spectators in the morning, there was certainly far more in the afternoon, some 1,400 people looking to see what was what. The other team Alloa Athletic or Tannochbrae United,

going through their pre match warm up, for the second time of the day, what they thought of a second session could be seen, with some of the home players showing they had had enough.

Alloa Athletic gained a set of new Blue Strips and these were used later in the season against East Stirling and Dumbarton, when their hoops clashed as there first ever second strip,

The day "The Wasps" appeared on Dr Finlay's Casebook Brian Marjoribanks went from scoring goals in an Edinburgh derby, to give up football for acting, in Dr Finlay's Casebook. Why would a 21-year-old who scored on his debut in an Edinburgh derby give up the game for repertory theatre?

Brian felt he had gone far enough in football, having scored for Hibernian against Hearts in 1961, played in Europe for the club and was later to join Hearts, only the third player at the time to make such a move.

When Brian moved to Hearts, he couldn't break into the first team but John Cummings, who dispensed the tickets for a free lunch at the Honeydew restaurant at Haymarket, usually managed to sneak me one." Was Brian nervous before that derby debut? "No, I wasn't. The confidence of youth, I suppose." And the confidence of a thespian, perhaps.

Briefly, Marjoribanks wondered if he might be the guy to replace Joe Baker, the sensational Leith goal machine just departed for Torino. "That was naive of me," he laughs. Ally MacLeod also scored for Hibs

that afternoon, his Argentina ebullience some way off. "Ally wasn't very fit when he came to Hibernian. Eddie Turnbull, who was our trainer, sent him up the terracing and he was promptly sick." Hearts won a thrilling match 4-2, the Jam Tarts' Johnny Hamilton netting twice. "I remember his somersault celebration, radical for the time. Mine was quite refined," said Marjoribanks.

Some will remember Marjoribanks as a BBC Scotland sports anchor. He did that for 18 years, thus beating Steven Thompson by several decades in making the switch from pitch to presenter's chair – Gary Lineker, too. Brian was born in 1942 as a lad in his hometown Falkirk was his love of football, but right alongside it, his love of drama.

Marjoribanks would offer a different persona, more innocently fresh-faced, when fronting Sportsreel but that merely demonstrates what a capable actor he must have been, with the Dr Finlay producers casting him as Roddy Munro, star player for Tannochbrae United, the local team in the telly medic's home village. "Alloa Athletic will



probably hate me for saying this but their Recreation Park was chosen for the action shots because it looked like it hadn't changed since the 1920s.

Alloa had asked if they wanted to sign me for the day, as 'A. N. Other' or similar, but, as they were not doing so well at the time, they thought this would demoralise the players. The real Second Division League encounter with East Fife on 26th September, 1964, sadly "The Wasps" were to lose 7-2 to the men from Methil managed by Jimmy Bonethrone, Harry Rutherford and Gibby Ormond were the Alloa scorers. The Alloa team that day was: - Adam Hodge, Bobby Gray, Jim Ireland, Alex Hodge, Drew Rogerson, David Baker, George Blues, Willie McLean, Harry Rutherford, Gibby Ormond & Bobby Walker.

In the end they lost the real game 7-2, after which Alloa Athletic, who had Willie Ormond's

brother Gibby Ormond in their ranks, had to change into high boots and long shorts.

Then the BBC director, an Englishman, grabbed his megaphone: 'Now gentlemen of Alloa Athletic Football Club, Mr Marjoribanks will collect the ball on the halfway line, dribble past three men, nutmeg a fourth and smash the ball into the net. Those of you impersonating Tannochbrae's opposition must not – I repeat not – make contact with him when you tackle.'

One of the long-suffering Alloa fans who'd stayed behind to watch piped up: 'There winnae be any need for acting. These clowns have been daein' that all afternoon!'

After a mazy run and goal that outdid any of Marjoribanks' real feats on the park, the storyline required poor Roddy to succumb to the bone disease osteomyelitis, prompting hundreds of letters of sympathy from Finlay fans, proof of the power of telly drama.

Old team-mates followed his new career with interest. "Sammy Baird, the left-half at Hibs, bought a pub in Bo'ness and invited me. John Greig was there. Sammy asked me to make a speech, so I got up on a table and recited more Shakespeare, to a nice round of applause." Did he ever look back at his football days and wonder if he'd made the right choice? "No, never. My mother told me to live for the present and I've really been quite happy with the variety there's been in my life."

## HT QUIZ

- 1. BOBBY WALES HAS NOW GOT 6 GOALS IN HIS LAST 7 GAMES. HOW MANY GAMES DID IT TAKE FOR HIM TO GET OFF THE MARK?**
- 2. PAUL HARTLEY STARTED HIS MANAGEMENT CAREER AT ALLOA, HOW MANY YEARS HAS HE BEEN IN MANAGEMENT NOW?**
- 3. FORMER WASP SCOTT MCKENNA SIGNED FOR WHICH CHAMPIONS LEAGUE TEAM AT THE END OF LAST MONTH?**
- 4. LEWIS FERGUSON IS THE HIGHEST SCORING SCOT IN SERIE A HISTORY AHEAD OF DENIS LAW. HOW MANY GOALS HAS HE SCORED IN ITALY?**
- 5. THE NEW SAINTS COULD BECOME THE FIRST NON-SCOTTISH TEAM TO WIN THE CHALLENGE CUP, WHO HAVE THEY BEATEN ON THE WAY TO THE FINAL AGAINST AIRDRIEONIANS?**





MIDFIELDERS						
HETHERINGTON	CAWLEY	ROBERTS	SCOUGALL	VIRTANEN	O'DONNELL	ROBERTSON
4	7	8	12	14	20	25
90	30	30	90	60		
90	90	90	9	59	90	
90	28	90	85	28	73	
28	45	90	90	90		
	90	90	90	90	45	
90	58	90	90		58	
90	90	90	90		1 30	
90	36	90	61			
90	90	90	76		24	
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90		90				
83	1	90		7		
90		90		45		
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	1 84	90	90	6	65	
	70	90	87	3	66	
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90	90	90		3	90	
90	1 64	90	26		90	
45	24	90	90	45	45	
	11	90	79	64	64	26
	21	90	69	90		
		90	73	90	27	90
		90	67	90	90	

FORWARDS									
DONNELLY	RODDEN	STEVEN	CANNON	SAMMON	BUCHANAN	RANKIN	ROY	COULSON	WALLES
9	10	11	17	18	19	24	16	26	28
	60			72	90	18		30	
	90			90				90	
	62			1 90	1 90			5	
				71	45	29		45	
	30			1 85				5	
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	15	75		90				54	
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21	20	85		81			1 90		69
	6	90		20	90		1 83		70
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	45	90			90				90
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		69		21	61		90	29	
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		90			3		20	90	87
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		45		10	1 30			60	1 90
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							16	74	1 90
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		72		79	18		11	26	90
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## QUIZ ANSWERS

- 8 GAMES BEFORE SCORING AGAINST MONTROSE
- PAUL HARTLEY TOOK OVER ALLOA IN 2011 MAKING IT 13 YEARS IN THE SUMMER AS A MANAGER
- FC COPENHAGEN
- AT TIME OF PRINTING 12 GOALS - AHEAD OF LAW'S 10 GOALS IN 1961-62
- HIBERNIAN U21, EAST FIFE, ARBROATH, FALKIRK





# ALLOA ATHLETIC



# COVE RANGERS

#	POS				
	1		<b>PJ MORRISON</b>		
	21		<b>KEIR BURT</b>		
	41		<b>TOCHUKWU OGAYI</b>		
	2		<b>SCOTT TAGGART</b>		
	3		<b>EUAN DEVENEY</b>		
	4		<b>STEPHEN HETHERINGTON</b>		
	5		<b>ANDY GRAHAM</b>		
	6		<b>MORGYN NEILL</b>		
	7		<b>KEVIN CAWLEY</b>		
	8		<b>KURTIS ROBERTS</b>		
	9		<b>LUKE DONNELLY</b>		
	11		<b>TAYLOR STEVEN</b>		
	12		<b>STEFAN SCOUGALL</b>		
	14		<b>MIKO VIRTANEN</b>		
	15		<b>DAVID MCKAY</b>		
	16		<b>ALISTAIR ROY</b>		
	18		<b>CONOR SAMMON</b>		
	19		<b>STEVEN BUCHANAN</b>		
	20		<b>CAMMY O'DONNELL</b>		
	22		<b>PAUL MCLAREN</b>		
	23		<b>DAVID DEVINE</b>		
	25		<b>JON ROBERSTON</b>		
	26		<b>QUINN COULSON</b>		
	28		<b>BOBBY WALES</b>		
	29		<b>REECE MULLEN</b>		
	30		<b>ETHAN SUTHERLAND</b>		
		<b>MANAGER ANDY GRAHAM</b>			

**REFEREE:** Graham Grainger


#	POS				
	1		<b>NICHOLAS SUMAN</b>		
	2		<b>JACOB JONES</b>		
	3		<b>MICHAEL DOYLE</b>		
	4		<b>CONOR SCULLY</b>		
	5		<b>MOUHAMED NIANG</b>		
	6		<b>WILL GILLINGHAM</b>		
	7		<b>PAUL MCGOWAN</b>		
	8		<b>BLAIR YULE</b>		
	9		<b>MITCH MEGGINSON</b>		
	10		<b>RUMARN BURRELL</b>		
	11		<b>KYLE CONNELL</b>		
	15		<b>ARRON DARGE</b>		
	16		<b>IAIN VIGURS</b>		
	17		<b>JOSH KERR</b>		
	21		<b>BALINT DEMUS</b>		
	23		<b>JACK ROBERTSON</b>		
	24		<b>FRASER FYVIE</b>		
	25		<b>MIKEY MILNES</b>		
	26		<b>MARK REYNOLDS</b>		
	27		<b>CAMERON STEWART</b>		
	28		<b>MATTHEW SHIELS</b>		
	29		<b>OLA LAWAL</b>		
		<b>MANAGER PAUL HARTLEY</b>			

**ASST:** Elliot Powton-Husband & Tommi Kerr

## ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

24.02.24, NEW DOUGLAS PARK, 15:00

	<b>HAMILTON ACCIES</b>		<b>ALLOA ATHLETIC</b>
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02.03.24, LINKS PARK, 15:00

	<b>MONTROSE</b>		<b>ALLOA ATHLETIC</b>
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09.03.24, INDODRILL STADIUM, 15:00

	<b>ALLOA ATHLETIC</b>		<b>KELTY HEARTS</b>
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16.03.24, MEADOWBANK SPORTS CENTRE, 15:00

	<b>EDINBURGH CITY</b>		<b>ALLOA ATHLETIC</b>
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19.03.24, NEW CENTRAL PARK, 19:45

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