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1981/82 1996/97

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
FALKIRK	32	26	6	0	87	21	66	84
HAMILTON ACCIES	32	19	8	5	66	24	42	65
ALLOA ATHLETIC	32	15	6	11	55	50	5	51
MONTROSE	31	13	7	11	52	52	0	46
COVE RANGERS	32	13	7	12	51	53	-2	46
KELTY HEARTS	32	11	7	14	44	55	-11	40
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	32	9	7	16	40	50	-10	34
STIRLING	32	9	7	16	35	55	-20	34
ANNAN ATHLETIC	32	7	10	15	45	61	-16	31
EDINBURGH CITY	31	2	5	24	34	88	-54	5

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

LEAGUE 1

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

CHAMPIONSHIP

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

PREMIER LEAGUE

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

LEAGUE 2

DUMBARTON	CLYDE
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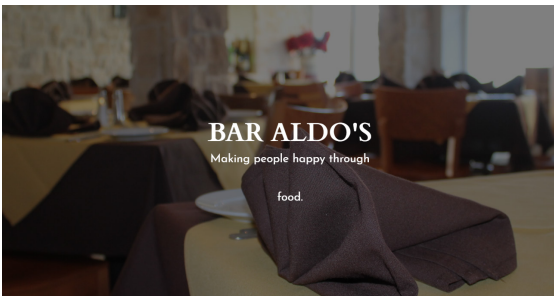
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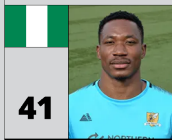



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	<p>Keir BURT 09/09/2004</p> <p>175 CM 69 KG</p>  <p>21</p>	<p>Andy GRAHAM 22/09/1983</p> <p>188 CM 85 KG</p>  <p>5</p>	<p>David MCKAY 17/06/1998</p> <p>CM KG</p>  <p>15</p>	<p>Paul MCLAREN 01/04/2004</p> <p>185 CM 76 KG</p>  <p>22</p>	
<p>Tochukwu OGAYI 10/10/1996</p> <p>CM KG</p>  <p>41</p>	<p>David DEVINE 20/06/2001</p> <p>CM KG</p>  <p>23</p>	<p>Ethan SUTHERLAND 26/04/2006</p> <p>CM KG</p>  <p>30</p>			
MANAGER					
ANDY GRAHAM					





MIDFIELDERS		FORWARDS		
<p>Steven HETHERINGTON 09/03/1993</p> <p>CM KG</p>	<p>Kevin CAWLEY 17/03/1989</p> <p>CM KG</p>	<p>Luke DONNELLY 20/01/1996</p> <p>CM KG</p>	<p>Taylor STEVEN 17/09/2004</p> <p>CM KG</p>	<p>Alistair ROY 26/05/1997</p> <p>CM KG</p>
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<p>Miko VIRTANEN 29/01/1999</p> <p>CM KG</p>	<p>Cameron O'DONNELL 29/09/2001</p> <p>183 CM 70 KG</p>	<p>Bobby WALES 23/06/2005</p> <p>CM KG</p>		
<p>Jon ROBERTSON 25/04/1989</p> <p>183 CM 70 KG</p>				





ANDY GRAHAM



MANAGER'S NOTES

I want to extend a warm welcome to Stewart Petrie and his staff; they have done a fantastic job this season.

The games between us have always been entertaining, and I'm sure today will be no different.

Last week, we took a great traveling support through to Forthbank for the derby, and it was great to repay that with a comfortable victory as far as the scoreline went. Stirling didn't give up and kept trying to get back into the game, and some big saves by PJ at crucial moments meant our forward players got the opportunities to make the points safe.

It was great to see five different players on the scoresheet, and it shows there can be goals from different areas of the team, which we will need in the run-in.

With four games to go, I'm sure there will be surprise results on a weekly basis, so it's down to us to focus on what we can affect week by week. That starts today, and I hope you will all get behind the team and give them your best support.

Enjoy the game!





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JOHN GLENCROSS

NEWSDESK

Welcome back to the Indodrill Stadium as we welcome Montrose FC for our fourth encounter of this season, welcome to their manager Stewart Petrie, assistant manager Ross Campbell and his brother who is First Team Coach Iain Campbell, the players, officials, and directors of Montrose FC. Last Saturday "The Wasps" inflicted a 5-1 defeat to local rivals Stirling Albion at Forthbank which was very pleasing but, on another day, if our goalkeeper PJ

Morrison had not been in top form it could have been very different.

Congratulations to Kurtis Roberts who again is been selected in the SPFL Team of the week after his display and goal at Forthbank and his goal in 5-1 victory against one of his former clubs.

Mascot at our last home game v. Annan Athletic was Ryan Stirling, who is 12 years old and in S1 at Alloa Academy. He supports Alloa Athletic and

Tottenham Hotspur. His favourite players are Scott Taggart and Heung Min Son. Ryan enjoys Taekwondo and is a yellow belt. He also enjoys tennis and horse riding.

Reece Mullen has joined Camelon Juniors until the end of this season.

On Friday 26th April, 2024 the club will hold its 24th Sportsmen's Dinner at the Inglewood Hotel in Alloa. Two Top after dinner speakers are lined up - Peter Brown and Willie





Allan who are both greatly experienced in after dinner speaking. Willie Allan is a former Dunfermline Rugby Stand-Off and coach and always has his audiences in stitches with some hilarious anecdotes. Tickets £ 40

“Alloa will always be Alloa”, the most recent release after “The History of Alloa Athletic” and “Diary of a Season” The book has over 360 pages of interesting snippets on people past and present at the club. All orders can be placed directly by e mailing myself, John Glencross, e mail jgxalloafc@aol.com or visiting Alloa Athletic Football Memorabilia Exhibition.

Our next Football Memories meeting will take place on Monday 13th May, 2024 at the Indodrill Stadium, starting at 11.30 – 1.00 O'clock, on Monday past, Lennie McComb who played for “The Wasps” for four seasons between 1980 – 84, signed by Alex Totten and then played under Willie Garner and Jim Thomson before joining Berwick Rangers at start of Season 1984-85. He had some very interesting stories from his time at the club and kept the 28 attendees amused and interested, this meet-

ing marked us now having been promoting the best of Scottish football from then and now.

Alloa Athletic FC would like to welcome their new Pastor Dee Jess from the Baptist Church in Tillicoultry, who replaces Kevin Harding who has moved back to the Isle of Man.

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The Alloa Athletic Football Memorabilia exhibition was officially opened on, Friday 29th March at 11am. I have always had a dream that I wanted to be able to showcase all my Alloa Athletic Memorabilia along with other footballing memorabilia I have collected having attended many games for now over fifty plus years.

The collection is full of match programmes going back to the 1940's in my prize Alloa Athletic collection. Also programmes from big games, Internationals, Cup finals, testimonials, European Games, the list goes on. Books, including Scottish Football Annuals by Hugh Taylor, Clydesdale Bank

Football reviews, Rothmans Football yearbooks, Wee Red Books, and numerous biographies. Magazines – Four Four Two, The Punter, Shoot, When Saturday Comes, Match, Nutmeg, Scottish Football weekly, Onside, numerous newspaper supplements.

Football Memorabilia – signed football strips, original worn football strips, tracksuits, jackets, scarfs, club ties, pennants, framed match programmes, Alloa Athletic team pictures, flags, etc the list goes on and on. Also able to view huge number of games through television with the help of videos and DVD's with seating so you can watch in comfort and with a hot or cold drink.

The room can be used for Football Memory Groups or visiting as a group or individuals. To book contact – John Glencross, email jgxalloafc@aol.com or phone 07877 530314. No Admission cost but donations will help keep and build this collection. Alloa Athletic Football Memorabilia Glass-town House, Unit 2, Castle Street, Alloa FK101EU - Open Every Friday 11am – 3pm and Saturday's from 11am – 2pm.





JONATHAN MARKWELL



SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON SPECIALISTS

We have officially entered “the business end of the season”, with four games of the regular season remaining and the Wasps in the thick of a promotion play-off battle with Montrose and Cove Rangers. The remaining two spots are up for grabs, with one team scheduled to miss out and the other two entering the play-offs, where we already know literally anything can happen. Accordingly, today's encounter with Montrose, together with next week's televised game at Cove is likely to have a big bearing on Alloa's prospects for reaching the play-offs.

The Wasps can go into the remaining fixtures with confi-

dence after the splendid derby victory at Stirling Albion last weekend. The whole team delivered a complete performance at Forthbank, showing resilience at the back, bite and energy in the midfield engine room and a clinical attacking intent which Stirling Albion had no answer to. Of course, for the supporters it was an extra special day, earning a fabulous away win in your local rivals backyard and breaking some records in the process. It was the first time Alloa had ever scored five goals on Stirling soil (or Annfield astroturf), with last weekend being the Wasps 56th trip to play Albion (not including the Stirlingshire Cup), going back to 1948. It was also Alloa's joint highest margin of victory on

an away-day visit to Stirling, on par with the 4-0 success back in 2005 when Jose Quitongo led the Stirling defence a merry dance, helping himself to a second half double that day. The 5-1 success last weekend was therefore Alloa's joint biggest win over Stirling since the never to be forgotten 7-0 thrashing in 1998.

Another interesting statistical quirk is that Alloa have for the past decade been second half of the season specialists. After the derby demolition last weekend, the Wasps have now picked up more points in the second half of the season than the first, despite there still being four games left to play! In the first 18 games of the season,





the Wasps accrued 25 points, but last weekend's victory meant Alloa have now already gained 26 points from 14 games in the second half of the season. The Wasps really are second half of the season specialists, with this now amazingly being the tenth consecutive season Alloa have amassed more points in the second half of the season than the first. Looking back over the past quarter of the century, the trend continues with the Wasps picking up more points in the second half of 20 of the past 25 seasons.

For me, this is more than a statistical coincidence, with it evidently just being in Alloa's DNA to perform better at the business end of the season. Towards the end of the season, you often see some surprising results, with the team that needs the points more tending to get the three points. How many times have we seen the relegation threatened team get a 1-0 win versus a top-half team? However, that general rule of thumb doesn't stand up in League One this season, with virtually all teams having something to play for in each and every game. This season Alloa's better form in the second half of the season can be attributed in part to the change in the dugout, with Andy Graham having a galvanising impact on Alloa's form since his first game on matchday 14 of the season. So far, Graham has gained 1.79 points per game (34 points in 19 games), which eclipses the record of Brian Rice's 1.17 points per game this season (14 points in 12 games, and by comparison Rice averaged 1.7 points per game at the end of the 2021/22 campaign and 1.58 points per game during the 2022/23 season).

Other historic evidence-based reasons for the Wasps stronger showings in the latter part of the season include strong January transfer windows (the 2017/18 loan signings of Ross Stewart and Jordan Kirkpatrick from St Mirren spring immediately to mind). The annual summer turnover of players being fully bedded into the Alloa system later in the season could be another explanation. A further explanation may be that starting a season slowly subconsciously lulls opponents into thinking the Wasps are a soft touch and easy three points in later meetings. All Alloa supporters will have seen opposing teams underestimating the Wasps, particularly when competing in the Championship, which falls straight into the hands of a determined Wasps outfit, who are always happy in the role of underdog and joyfully upsetting the odds. Alternatively, the facts and figures which I've calculated since the millennium could just be a load of mumbo-jumbo for which there is no underlying explanation!

The seasons where there have been the greatest contrast in more points being gained in the

second half of the season were in 2002/03 and 2005/06, when 71% and 69% of Alloa's total points collected came in the final eighteen matches. In 2002/03 the Wasps were battling against relegation from the then First Division and put together an excellent end of season run of form in winning four of the final five games, only to ultimately be relegated on goal difference, with Ross County surviving the drop. The loan captures of Robert Sloan in attack and Derek Soutar in goal played a big part in improving Alloa's form in the closing months of that season. The 2005/06 campaign was another end of season battle against the drop. This time it was happily a successful one, thanks to new manager Allan Maitland and a host of fresh signings helping Alloa achieve a great escape from relegation in the inaugural play-offs.

The 'new manager bounce' explanation that the Wasps have enjoyed this season can also be seen on several other occasions in the statistics too. During the early days of Tom Hendrie's second spell as manager in 2003/04, the Wasps form picked



COMPARISON OF ALLOA'S RESULTS IN THE FIRST & SECOND HALVES OF THE SEASON THIS MILLENNIUM

Season	League	Half of the season	Won	Drew	Lost	Goals scored	Goals Against	Points	% of points	League position
99/00	Div 2	First 18 matches	7	9	2	23	18	30	47%	2nd
		Last 18 matches	10	4	4	35	20	34	53%	2nd
00/01	Div 1	First 18 matches	5	5	8	19	32	20	63%	7th
		Last 18 matches	2	6	10	19	29	12	37%	10th
01/02	Div 2	First 18 matches	8	5	5	27	17	29	49%	2nd
		Last 18 matches	7	9	2	28	16	30	51%	2nd
02/03	Div 1	First 18 matches	2	4	12	11	40	10	29%	10th
		Last 18 matches	7	4	7	28	32	25	71%	9th
03/04	Div 2	First 18 matches	5	4	9	27	31	19	43%	9th
		Last 18 matches	7	4	7	28	24	25	57%	7th
04/05	Div 2	First 18 matches	6	3	9	30	42	21	46%	6th
		Last 18 matches	6	7	5	36	26	25	54%	6th
05/06	Div 2	First 18 matches	2	4	12	21	50	10	31%	10th
		Last 18 matches	6	4	8	15	27	22	69%	9th
06/07	Div 2	First 18 matches	5	5	8	21	37	20	48%	8th
		Last 18 matches	6	4	8	26	33	22	52%	7th
07/08	Div 2	First 18 matches	9	3	6	32	27	30	54%	4th
		Last 18 matches	7	5	6	30	26	26	46%	4th
08/09	Div 2	First 18 matches	5	2	11	23	37	17	41%	9th
		Last 18 matches	6	6	6	24	22	24	59%	8th
09/10	Div 2	First 18 matches	9	4	5	21	16	31	48%	3rd
		Last 18 matches	10	4	4	28	19	34	52%	2nd
10/11	Div 2	First 18 matches	7	5	6	30	30	26	72%	4th
		Last 18 matches	2	4	12	19	41	10	28%	9th
11/12	Div 3	First 18 matches	10	6	2	30	22	36	47%	1st
		Last 18 matches	13	2	3	40	17	41	53%	1st
12/13	Div 2	First 18 matches	11	3	4	32	17	36	54%	2nd
		Last 18 matches	9	4	5	30	18	31	46%	2nd
13/14	Champ	First 18 matches	8	4	6	19	16	28	70%	5th
		Last 18 matches	3	3	12	15	35	12	30%	8th
14/15	Champ	First 18 matches	3	4	11	16	29	13	48%	9th
		Last 18 matches	3	5	10	18	27	14	52%	9th
15/16	Champ	First 18 matches	2	2	14	8	38	8	40%	10th
		Last 18 matches	2	6	9	6	16	12	60%	10th
16/17	Lge 1	First 18 matches	7	6	5	35	25	27	44%	4th
		Last 18 matches	10	5	3	34	19	35	56%	2nd
17/18	Lge 1	First 18 matches	8	4	6	28	23	28	47%	3rd
		Last 18 matches	9	5	4	28	20	32	53%	3rd
18/19	Champ	First 18 matches	3	7	8	17	26	16	41%	8th
		Last 18 matches	7	2	9	22	27	23	59%	8th
19/20	Champ	First 14 matches	3	5	6	15	24	14	45%	9th
		Last 14 matches	4	5	5	18	19	17	55%	8th
20/21	Champ	First 13.5 matches	2	3	9	14	33	9	41%	10th
		Last 13.5 matches	3	4	6	16	27	13	59%	10th
21/22	Lge 1	First 18 matches	5	5	8	25	30	20	44%	7th
		Last 18 matches	7	4	7	24	27	25	56%	5th
22/23	Lge 1	First 18 matches	8	4	6	35	27	28	49%	6th
		Last 18 matches	9	2	7	21	20	29	51%	4th
23/24	Lge 1	First 18 matches	7	4	7	24	27	25	49%	5th
		Last 14 matches	8	2	4	31	23	26	51%	3rd currently



up in comparison with the final months of Terry Christie's tenure. Jack Ross in 2015/16 and Brian Rice in 2021/22 were other new Alloa managers who had a positive early impact after mid-season appointments, adding further evidence to that particular narrative.

There are always exceptions to the general rule, with the 2010/11 and 2013/14 seasons being the most illuminating. In 2010/11, Alloa could have gone third in the table at Christmas with a win over Airdrie, but had a disastrous end to the match in conceding two late goals to turn a 2-1 victory into a 3-2 defeat (with 16 year old Tony Watt scoring the winner weeks before signing for Celtic). Thereafter the Wasps' form nose-dived spectacularly, eventually culminating

in relegation to the basement division for the first time in twelve years. 2013/14 was a slightly different context, as Paul Hartley's side benefited from a successive season promotion bounce to rise to the dizzy heights of 4th in the Championship towards the end of the opening half of the season. We all knew it was unlikely to continue, which it didn't and Hartley soon decided he'd taken the Wasps as far as he could, leaving his replacement Barry Smith trying to steady the ship for the rest of the season. In the end, Smith achieved this when Alloa dramatically avoided the relegation play-offs at Falkirk (thanks to Sir Bob McHugh's 95th minute goal for Queen of the South at Cowdenbeath).

It is crazy to think that the 10th anniversary of those final day

celebrations at the Falkirk Stadium are fast approaching. In-fact, the Wasps will coincidentally finish the regular season with another trip to Grangemouth, precisely ten years and one day after Scott Bain, Darren Young et al returned to the pitch to celebrate with the supporters after Alloa dramatically finished 8th in the Championship. We already know that there will be celebrations in Falkirk this time around too, with the home side being presented with the Championship trophy and hoping to finish the season unbeaten too. My hope is that Alloa supporters are celebrating extending our season that day too, although it would be far preferable for everyone's nerves if the Wasps play-off place could please be secured before the final day!

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Bathgate	36	15	9	12	54	43	42
Albion Rovers	36	14	10	12	63	49	40
Johnstone	36	16	13	7	59	52	39
Armadale	36	16	14	6	53	57	38
Dundee United	36	11	11	14	37	39	36
Dunfermline Ath. ...	36	13	13	10	46	41	36
East Fife	37	14	15	8	52	46	36
Bo'ness	37	13	14	10	44	52	36
Dumbarton	36	15	16	5	47	54	35
Forfar Athletic	36	14	15	7	42	62	35
Alloa	36	13	17	6	42	52	32
Broxburn	36	11	17	8	44	53	30
St Bernard	37	10	17	10	47	54	30
Vale of Leven.....	36	10	18	8	37	64	28
Arbroath	36	10	18	8	43	50	28
Lochgelly United ...	36	4	28	4	19	81	12

agreed to contribute £15 to his memorial fund. The Falkirk Herald also reported that there was "much difficulty" in finding a date for the delayed Shire Cup semi-final replay between Falkirk and East Stirlingshire. The Wasps were already waiting in the final and Alloa secretary J. Saunders "protested vigorously to the delay already occasioned". In the end it was agreed that the Falkirk derby would go ahead on April 7th with the final a week later. The Wasps weren't alone in expecting the First Division Bairns to progress at Firs Park but the home team had a spring in their step after clinching promotion from the Third Division two days before. The Shire had been relegated into the newly established Third Division at the end of 1922/23, raising some significant doubts about the future of the club, and their return at the first attempt was seen as being crucial for their prospects. "It has been an anxious season for all connected with the Firs Park club, but now the cloud has been lifted, and the Shire go back to Second League football with the best wishes of all true sportsmen", the Falkirk Herald had enthused. It was about to get even better with the Shire defeating a weakened Falkirk 2-0 to set up a Stirlingshire Cup decider against the Wasps.

And so to Brockville as Alloa aimed for their sixth Stirlingshire Cup and a first since 1921. The Shire had dominated the early years of the tournament and had 12 wins to their name, albeit it was now 10 years since their last triumph. A fine crowd had gathered and the Alloa contingent spotted a familiar face in

AN AULD FAVOURITE RETURNS FOR THE FINAL

A disappointing season was coming to an end but the Wasps still had the chance of an unlikely late silver lining. While Alloa had started 1923/24 with the ambition of making an immediate return to the top flight, the new look side had quickly floundered and found themselves flirting with the calamitous prospect of a second successive relegation to the Third Division rather than bouncing straight back up to the First. As April arrived the Wasps weren't quite safe from demotion and were also still dealing with a far greater trauma off the field after the untimely death of

popular winger Jock Stirling. The Stirlingshire Cup now provided Alloa with the opportunity of a much needed lift. The Wasps had clinched their place in the decider a distant seven months previously with a 2-1 derby win over King's Park. The final had been delayed by the tragic death at Brockville during a Scottish Cup tie in February 1924 of legendary Falkirk manager William Nicol, who had been in charge of the Bairns for almost 20 years.

Tributes had been paid to Nicol at a March meeting of the Stirlingshire FA where it was





the Shire team in the shape of Bobby Orrock. Orrock had captained Falkirk to the Scottish Cup in 1913, the same year he had gained his sole Scotland cap. He had come to Alloa in the autumn of his career and had been an inspirational figure in the club's rise from the Central League to the First Division, as well as running a Billiards Club down the road from the Recs. Bobby had departed Alloa in the summer of 1923 and had subsequently played as a guest for Third Lanark on their South American tour, where he was part of a team who drew 1-1 with Uruguay. On his return to Scottish soil he had signed for the Shire, going home to the club where he had started his senior career 17 years before. Bobby Orrock was a steady influence regardless of whether he was playing in the River Plate or Beith. With promotion from the Third Division secured, Bobby was now aiming for another Shire Cup success to mark his looming 39th birthday.

The Shire needed all that experience in the early stages as Alloa started strongly at Brockville, Orrock twice coming to their rescue in the opening minutes. The Shire survived the early onslaught and came close to breaking the deadlock when Christie rattled the ball off the post with Crawford in the Alloa goal beaten. Almost immediately the Wasps hit the woodwork at the other end, Orrock on this occasion almost helping out his old team by turning a cross from Gilmour onto his own crossbar with his goalkeeper Walker apparently dazzled by the sun.

It was a narrow escape for the Shire and they took advantage by snatching the lead in similar circumstances at the other end. A low cross into the

six yard box caused confusion in the Alloa defence. A stretching James Headrick got a touch on it but "to the amazement of all, spurned it over his leg into the net. Crawford was taken by surprise, and could make no effort to save the goal dazzled as he was by the strong sun". 1-0 Shire.

The Wasps responded well with a spell of heavy pressure which ended with Alloa attacker James Lennie smashing the ball full force into the face of unfortunate Shire keeper Walker, who was left dazed on the turf. "The Alloa attack closed in and when disaster for the Shire seemed inevitable, Orrock dashed in and cleared with the ball hovering on the line". After a break for treatment to Walker the sides resumed and Alloa went straight back on the attack. This time Gilmour burst into the Shire box "and shot at point black range for goal", only for who else but Bobby Orrock to deflect the ball wide with a last ditch challenge. A frustrating half for the Wasps ended with Walker making two fine saves.

The second period began with Alloa again "attacking vigorously". Coutts and Lennie combined to release Paterson but Orrock once again came to the rescue of the Shire with a timely interception. The Shire managed to lift the siege briefly and Mooney drilled an effort on the Alloa goal, only denied by the "magnetic clutch" of Crawford. Back down the other end Connaboy and Thackeray came close but were unable to find the net.

As the final whistle neared "the Alloa men made desperate efforts to score" and the now fully recovered Walker distinguished himself as some notable late stops. It wasn't to be for Alloa with a cup final defeat now to add to a miserable league season but this was East Stirlingshire's

day. "Proud, proud folks they are down Firs Park way at the moment", reported the Falkirk Herald. There were warm words too for Bobby Orrock's contribution, the paper noting that he had shone against his old teammates and on the pitch of another of his former clubs: "Orrock may regard himself as a veritable 'promotion mascot'. He played a big part in Alloa's success in the first season of automatic promotion, and now he has the credit of helping the Shire back to the Second League. There's lots of football in Bobby even yet". That was obvious enough from Orrock's display in the final, with the watching Clackmannanshire contingent surely wondering why the Alloa directors had allowed him to leave the Recs the previous summer. Despite the disappointment of a cup final defeat, no fair Alloa follower could be begrudge their old favourite another day in the sun.

The Wasps would have to lift themselves for their two remaining league fixtures, beginning at Gayfield. It was an important one too, for Arbroath were among a few stragglers who still had an outside chance of overhauling the Wasps and sending Alloa into the Third Division. More in the next edition of The Wasp.



PICTURED BOBBY ORROCK









APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		ALLOA CAREER LGE	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
MORRISON	GOAL	25 (1)	0	5 (0)	0	30 (1)	0	25 (1)	0
BURT	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
OGAYI	GOAL	7 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	9 (1)	0	7 (1)	0
TAGGART	DEF	30 (2)	6	3 (0)	0	33 (2)	6	259 (2)	17
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	22 (2)	0	2 (1)	0	24 (3)	0	32 (2)	0
NEILL	DEF	29 (0)	0	6 (1)	1	35 (1)	1	29 (0)	0
DEVENEY	DEF	9 (3)	0	3 (3)	0	12 (6)	0	9 (3)	0
MCKAY	DEF	9 (4)	1	5 (2)	0	14 (6)	1	9 (4)	1
SUTHERLAND	DEF	11 (1)	2	0 (0)	0	11 (1)	2	11 (1)	2
ROBERTSON	MID	2 (5)	1	0 (0)	0	2 (5)	1	177 (35)	3
SCOUGALL	MID	20 (2)	0	5 (1)	0	25 (3)	0	79 (20)	8
O'DONNELL	MID	16 (4)	2	4 (1)	0	20 (5)	2	32 (38)	11
CAWLEY	MID	12 (9)	1	1 (3)	1	13 (12)	2	336 (56)	64
HETHERINGTON	MID	17 (1)	0	6 (1)	0	23 (2)	0	154 (31)	6
VIRTANEN	MID	10 (10)	0	3 (3)	0	13 (13)	0	10 (10)	0
ROBERTS	MID	32 (0)	3	6 (1)	0	38 (1)	3	32 (0)	3
DONNELLY	FWD	5 (7)	2	1 (1)	0	6 (8)	2	17 (26)	9
SAMMON	FWD	9 (18)	5	6 (1)	3	15 (19)	8	60 (40)	24
BUCHANAN	FWD	9 (12)	2	4 (1)	1	13 (13)	3	9 (23)	2
RANKIN	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (11)	1
COULSON	FWD	14 (10)	1	5 (2)	1	19 (12)	2	26 (14)	2
CANNON	FWD	0 (3)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (4)	0	0 (3)	0
STEVEN	FWD	24 (2)	9	1 (0)	0	25 (2)	9	24 (2)	9
ROY	FWD	6 (9)	5	1 (1)	0	7 (10)	5	6 (9)	5
WALES	FWD	22 (0)	9	0 (0)	0	22 (0)	9	22 (0)	9



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ALLOA CAREER CUP		ALLOA TOTAL	
APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
14 (0)	0	39 (1)	0
0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
2 (0)	0	9 (1)	0
58 (1)	3	317 (3)	20
54 (3)	1	243 (11)	15
2 (2)	0	3 (4)	0
2 (1)	0	34 (3)	0
6 (1)	1	35 (1)	1
3 (3)	0	12 (6)	0
5 (2)	0	14 (6)	1
0 (0)	0	11 (1)	2
44 (5)	2	221 (40)	5
19 (8)	2	98 (28)	10
9 (2)	0	41 (40)	11
67 (12)	12	403 (68)	76
33 (9)	1	187 (40)	7
3 (3)	0	13 (13)	0
6 (1)	0	38 (1)	3
4 (4)	2	21 (30)	11
18 (4)	9	78 (44)	33
6 (4)	1	15 (27)	3
0 (6)	0	0 (17)	1
5 (2)	1	31 (16)	3
0 (1)	0	0 (4)	0
1 (0)	0	25 (2)	9
1 (1)	0	7 (10)	5
0 (0)	0	22 (0)	9

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A FAN'S VIEW

First up for this week's programme was the visit of 9th placed Annan. The fixture is trickier than might be expected by the gulf in table positions but formwise in the last 6 Annan were only inferior to Falkirk and Hamilton. Alloa had also generously given six points in recent weeks to Annan's fellow strugglers Kelty Hearts and Queen of the South and were looking to avoid a third loss on the spin for the first time since August.

The return of star striker Bobby Wales from his stint with the Scotland U19s was the big news in the Alloa lineup and despite initial doubts surrounding

Taylor Steven and Morgyn Neill, both players made the starting XI. Miko Virtanen and Cammy O'Donnell also earned starting spots in midfield and left-back, respectively.

Alloa started brightly, but had to weather early pressure from Annan. The defense held firm in the first half, while Wales and Steven seamlessly reintegrated into the squad, causing problems for Annan's defense.

The breakthrough came when Steven's free kick struck the crossbar and fell to Wales, who calmly slotted home to give Alloa the lead. However, Annan

responded swiftly, equalizing from a corner just before halftime.

Annan started the second half strongly, but Alloa gradually regained control, launching a series of attacks in search of the winner. Despite numerous chances, including a header from David Devine and efforts from Wales and Virtanen, Alloa couldn't find a way past Annan's goalkeeper, Greg Fleming.

Alloa's final opportunity came from a Wales cross, with Steven Buchanan's header deflected wide by an Annan defender. Despite their efforts, neither



side could break the deadlock, and the match ended in a hard-fought draw but one that Alloa on the balance of play, especially after the lack of ruthlessness to put the game to bed in the first half was a little deflating.

The result also heaped a little pressure on Alloa who had next up rivals Stirling Albion. While Stirling were also languishing in the table in danger of dropping into that relegation playoff place there would be no shortage of motivation for the derby. Alloa's final games are against the other 4 top sides in the division so this may well be the last chance to bolster their points total against 'easier' opposition.

However contrary to the script of a nervous derby, Alloa were gifted the initiative courtesy of a heinous Blair Currie mistake. Bobby Wales cross to the Stirling goalkeeper sneaked through his legs and Conor Sammon poked home uncontested from two yards.

And despite having first half disadvantage of the awful wind conditions Alloa had Stirling penned into their half and the pressure soon told with another goalkeeping error. Taylor Steven took the ball on one of his signature runs inside and unleashed a strike towards goal but Currie could only palm tamely down to oncoming Bobby Wales to allow the on-loan Killie striker yet another tap in and the Wasps a comfortable 2-0 advantage.

The tally would get worse for Stirling as Ethan Sutherland was released from left back by a cross-field switch, took one touch into space to charge twenty yards forward uncontested and then find the top corner with a precision finish.



Alloa were cruising and would have the wind advantage in the second half. What could go wrong?

Stirling rang the changes at half time. Greig Spence, Josh Cooper and Darren Cummins all on to make their mark on the game and the home side caused some problems. They would be denied a penalty after a clumsy looking challenge on Jack Leitch from Quinn Coulson, which if given might have been harsh but not unprecedented. Then the breakthrough for the Bino's would come when that canny former Alloa striker anticipated Sutherland's backpass to Morrison. Spence intercepted, rounded the Alloa goalkeeper and found a tidy finish into the side netting to make it 1-3 on the day.

PJ Morrison would make a couple important saves but minutes later the wind was taken out Stirling's sails with a quick Alloa counter. Bobby Wales cut back to

Kurtis Roberts in the box and left footed the midfielder placed it in the bottom corner to restore Alloa's lead.

To add insult to injury Alloa would complete the five star performance with Taylor Steven finding a nutmeg on Blair Currie from close range to complete the route and push Albion closer to the precipice of the relegation playoff place.

Next up, a team we are surely due a result against in Montrose, before a trip to Cove in front of BBC Alba's cameras. I can't help but shake the feeling that these two games are the most important of the Wasps season so far, with no easy games expected in the penultimate game against Hamilton and a tricky trophy day at the unbeaten-so-far Champions Falkirk. Alloa wouldn't be Alloa without a nailbiting finish though but let's hope we can do the business come five o'clock on Saturday.





ANDREW COCKBURN



LOOKING BACK 12TH APRIL 1975

In Division One, newly-crowned Champions Rangers stretched their unbeaten league run to fifteen games, after 3-2 win v Aberdeen at Ibrox. Hibs remained on course to claim runners-up spot, after they hammered Airdrie by 6-1 at Easter Road, third-placed Celtic triumphed by 3-1 at Dunfermline, fourth-placed Dundee United were also victorious on their travels, by 2-1 at Clyde, while Aberdeen, in spite of their defeat, remained in fifth place. Arbroath still propped up the table, after a 2-3 reverse at St. Johnstone, Morton, despite collecting a point from a 0-0 home draw v Hearts, remained

in second-bottom spot, while Clyde still occupied third-bottom position.

The day's top clash in Division Two, saw leaders Montrose face sixth-placed St. Mirren at Links Park, and The Gable Endies emerged winners by 2-1, thanks to goals from Cameron & Livingstone, which meant they were now unbeaten in fifteen league games. Second-placed Falkirk were 2-0 victors at luckless bottom club Forfar, third-placed Queen Of The South & fourth-placed East Fife also both triumphed away from home, by 3-0 at Berwick and 1-0 at Stenhousemuir respectively, Hamilton Accies, despite losing

0-1 at Clydebank, remained in fifth place, while St. Mirren, in spite of their own loss, still retained sixth spot. Alloa and Raith meantime, had both experienced rather inconsistent league campaigns, and these two clubs met at Stark's Park, with The Wasps lining up as follows: David Cooper, Andy Campbell (Billy Mitchell), Billy Wilkinson, Brian McGarry, Ian Watson, Davie Miller, Kevin Low, Billy Morrison, Donnie Wilson, Rab Russell, Brian Ness. Alas, the home side emerged victors, by 3-1, thanks to goals from Tom Brown (2) & John Hislop (pen), Brian Ness netting for Alloa, who thus remained in





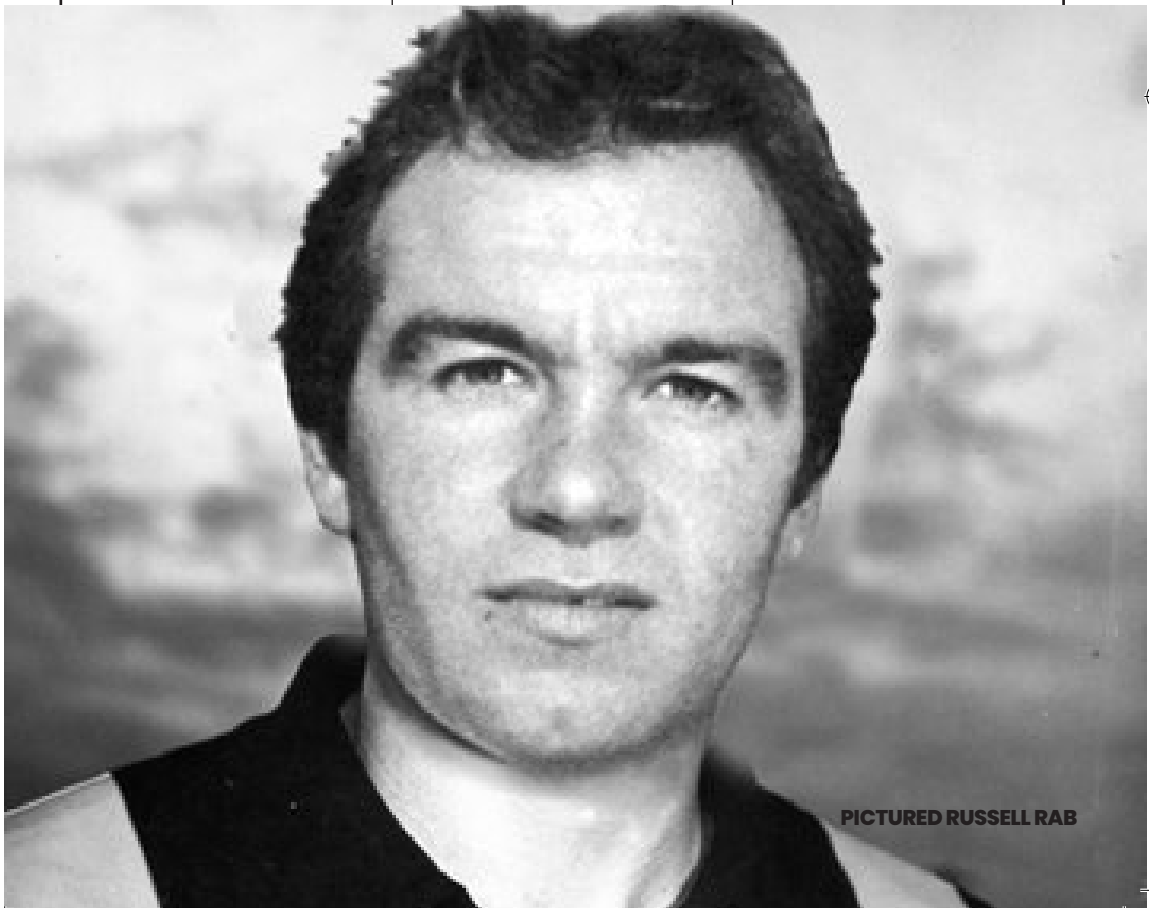
fifteenth position. "The Wasps" best result of the season had been against the newly side admitted to the league Meadowbank Thistle previously known as Ferranti Thistle, on the 11th September, 1974 "The Wasps" played their first encounter with Meadowbank Thistle winning 1-0 at the Commenweath stadium in Edinburgh, Donnie Wilson scoring the winning goal for Alloa. However a week later the sides were to meet again, which seems strange nowadays they both the games of the season against each other 7 days apart. At Recreation Park Alloa were dominant but when in at half-time only 1-0 ahead, however in the second half Alloa's class and fitness showing winning the game 8-1, Donnie

Wilson scored 4, the other goals were sahareed by Rab Russell, Billy Mitchell, Jimmy Thomson and an Alex Totten penalty to complete the scoring.

Down in England, Derby County's 1-0 home success v FA Cup Finalists West Ham saw them remain two points clear at the top of The First Division, while second-placed Liverpool maintained their own title challenge, after they defeated bottom club Carlisle by 2-0 at Anfield. Everton's 1-0 victory at Newcastle moved them into third place, while Ipswich, 2-1 home winners v QPR, were now fourth. In the relegation zone, Carlisle's defeat sentenced them to relegation after just one season in the top flight, but Luton boosted their survival chances with a 3-0 home win v Leicester, though

they remained in second-bottom spot. And third-bottom Spurs' relegation worries increased, after a 2-3 defeat at Burnley.

Second Division leaders Manchester United, now assured of an immediate return to The First Division, edged a little closer to the title, thanks to a 1-0 win v Fulham at Old Trafford. Aston Villa's emphatic 5-0 home win v relegation-haunted Oldham moved them into second spot in place of Sunderland, whose own promotion hopes suffered a setback after a 0-1 defeat at Oxford. Sunderland thus dropped one place to third, while fourth-placed Norwich had to settle for a point from a 1-1 draw at another side in danger of the drop, Millwall



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This afternoon we welcome Montrose to the Indodrill Stadium for another fixture of high significance. As we enter the final 4 games of the season, the magnitude of every game becomes extremely high and today is no different taking into account both team's position in the league. The "Mo" currently sit 5 points behind Andy Graham's men, however, the battle between 3rd and 4th has more to it than that. Montrose's game away to Edinburgh City was abandoned in the first half on Saturday due to high winds, meaning they have

a game in hand to be played on Tuesday 16th April over Alloa. Those factors make today a real 6-pointer for both team's in the race for the play-offs. It does mean that Stewart Petrie's side last played in a triumphant day for Falkirk as they romped to the title in fitting style. Montrose were on the wrong end of a 7-1 thrashing that evening at Links Park. Excluding the two away games against Alloa and Edinburgh City, they then have home games against Hamilton and Queen of the South sandwiching a trip to Kelty Hearts to close off the season. With it still being in both team's

hands, all could change come 6pm this evening.

THE BOSS – STEWART PETRIE

As ever, Montrose will be led by experienced gaffer, Stewart Petrie. Born in Dundee, the winger began his career at Forfar Athletic in 1989, before a move to Dunfermline Athletic in 1993 would kick start his playing legacy. Petrie went on to play 10 years at East End Park, scoring a crucial goal in the 1995/96 season which effectively won his side the Championship and secured topflight status. His playing career saw him move to Australia





and those connections led to his first coaching role of A-League franchise, North Queensland Fury. An interim spell as manager at Forfar and another assistant role at Broughty Athletic followed before his appointment at Montrose in December 2016. Petrie then went on to lead the team to the League 2 title in 2018 and has impressed ever since. His tenure at Links Parks makes him the 2nd longest serving manager in the SPFL, behind Dougie Samuel at Spartans.

**THE CAPTAIN –
PAUL WATSON**

The Mo skipper remains experienced defender, Paul Watson. At the beginning of 2024, Watson further cemented his legendary status by making his 350th appearance for the Gable Endies. Currently in his testimonial year, he is the 2nd longest serving player behind Terry Masson. After making the move from St Andrews in 2012, the 38-year-old has played an integral role in maintaining the side's League 2 status and then helping them to their 2018 League Title victory. He is still playing that crucial role this season with 32 appearances under his belt. As well as that, he has found the back of the net 5 times, including a late header to win the game for his team against Alloa at Links Park in the 2-1 victory in August.

**ONE TO WATCH –
BLAIR LYONS**

There is plenty of talent in this side from experienced defender, Sean Dillon, at the back, to top scorer, Kane Hester, up top.



However, a man who has always impressed against Alloa and one to keep an eye on is Blair Lyons. The tricky left winger is known for his skills and spectacular strikes, of which Alloa have fallen victim to in the past. This season Lyon has grabbed 7 goals but similar to last edition of The Wasp's man to watch, Aidan Smith, Lyon has scored in every fixture between the two sides. That means that almost half of his tally, 3, has come against Alloa. The Wasps managed to keep out Smith at the 4th time of asking and will hoping to do exactly that again today.

THE CONNECTION

There aren't many current connections between the teams, Montrose First Team coach Iain Campbell is the only current connection, Iain played for "The Wasps" during season 2008/09 making 36 appearances and scoring 3 goals against, Berwick

Rangers, Stranraer & Arbroath, in fact there isn't a single player returning to the Indodrill today who has pulled on the black and gold. You have to go a little bit back in the past to pull some names who have played for both sides. It is loanees that make up the list with both Euan Henderson and Mohammed Niang, Sena, having had temporary spells at both clubs. 'Hendo' scored 5 goals for the Mo but went considerably better being Alloa's top scorer in 2021/22 with 17 goals. Sena also played for Alloa that season. Both players are now at club's who Alloa and Montrose battle against for the playoffs in Hamilton and Cove Rangers.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This is the final game of the season between the sides, for now. Of course, this could be replicated in the playoffs, should

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BY KIEREN MOONEY





both make it. So far, it is the visitors who have enjoyed the occasion a lot more. Beginning the season with a 2-1 win at Links Park it was Blair Lyons who opened the scoring before half-time. Ally Roy got the Wasps level before late heartbreak as Alloa conceded a 91st header from captain, Paul Watson, to lose the game. The home game for Alloa ended a draw but again, the Wasps were left with a sour taste in their mouth. Andy Graham's side strolled to a 2-0 lead with goals from Steven Buchanan and Bobby Wales. However, 2

goals in 2 minutes for Montrose, after being out of the game for large spells, clawed them back level for a point at 2-2. Scorers that day were Ben Hermiston, and again, Blair Lyons. The most recent fixture was the most chaotic of all, Montrose winning 4-3. That man, Blair Lyons, opened the scoring before Taylor Steven and Ethan Sutherland turned the game on its head. Alloa looked to be going in ahead at the break but Sean Dillon levelled it 2-2 right on the whistle. 2nd half begun with a Kane Hester goal restoring the Mo's lead and it looked to get worse for Alloa

when Kevin Cawley was sent off for an off the ball incident. However, Alloa showed great character and quality to level again through a Bobby Wales hattrick. Despite a spirited performance, late drama would ensue again as Graham Webster stabbed home with just minutes left on the clock to go 4-3 up. The fans were left in shock as PJ Morrison nearly levelled the score in the last minute from a corner but unfortunately for Alloa, they left with nothing. Andy Graham will be looking to return to Alloa's strong record against Montrose today.



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Scorers - Steve Gavin (81 mins) / Rab Dawson OG (20 mins), Gus Smith (63 mins).

Annfield Stadium, Stirling
Crowd - 2,100

Stirling Albion - Andy Graham, Rab Dawson, Tom Spence, Jim

Anderson, Gerry McTeague, Tom Aitchison, David Thompson, Kevin Hoggan, Steve Gavin, Bernie Grant, Jimmy Ormond
Subs:- John Cousin & Peter Dwyer

Alloa Athletic - Ronnie Lowrie, Jim Donaldson, Larry Haggart, Kenny Thomson, Bobby Dall, Dom Sullivan, Gus Smith, Joe Love, Stuart Sorbie, Martin Nelson, Frankie Cole
Subs:- Stephen Wilkie & Mick Jamieson

Alloa Athletic are being talked about, in the right kind of fashion, not only are they top of the Second Division, but leading the field simply by winning all their games. There is thinking going on at the Recs and they were so sure of themselves that the "Con" could be carried and used at the right moment.

On the 63rd minute at Annfield on Saturday, Alloa were awarded a corner on the left





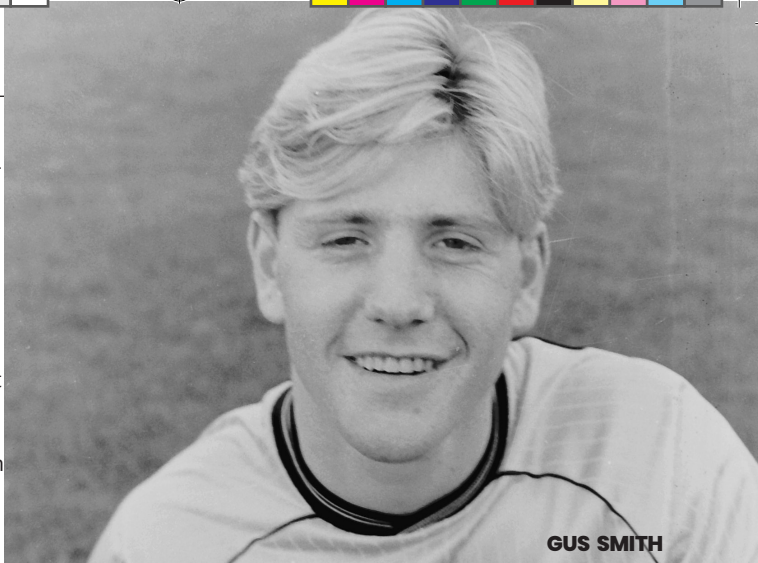
following one from the right. Frankie Cole was given the go-ahead to take it from a seemingly reluctant Dom Sullivan (they had argued about flag-kicks all afternoon)

The Stirling Albion defence crowded round keeper Andy Graham waiting for the corner cross to come into the box. Sullivan was standing careless-like at the edge of the box.

Frankie Cole just knocked the ball just outside the arc and then moved away, giving the impression he wanted someone else to take the kick. It was assumed that Dom Sullivan would do so when he ran towards the ball. The Alloa fans were bemused, the Stirling defence relaxed their tension. But Sullivan did not place the ball in the arc; instead he ran down the line and laid-off a cross for Gus Smith to ram home the second and winning goal.

Stirling Albion keeper Andy Graham ran out to protest to the ref. "Ye cannie do that" he roared, "Can't do what?"

Then it dawned on him how he and his mates had been hoodwinked.



GUS SMITH



DOM SULLIVAN

HT QUIZ

- 1. ALLOA CELEBRATED A 5-1 WIN OVER RIVALS STIRLING ALBION TO CONTINUE THEIR WINNING RUN AT FORTHBANK. WHAT YEAR DID ALLOA'S WINNING RUN AT STIRLING'S HOME START?**
- 2. MONTROSE FC HAVE BEEN COMPETING FOR CHAMPIONSHIP PROMOTION REGULARLY IN THE PLAYOFFS IN RECENT SEASONS. WHEN WAS THEIR LAST SEASON IN SCOTLAND'S SECOND TIER?**
- 3. BAYERN MUNICH DREW 2-2 WITH ARSENAL IN THIS SEASON'S QUARTER FINAL FIRST LEG AT THE EMIRATES. WHO WERE THE FIRST SCOTTISH CLUB TO BEAT THE GERMANS IN EUROPEAN COMPETITION?**
- 4. WHICH MLS (UNITED STATES) TEAMS ARE CURRENTLY TOP OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CONFERENCES? (HINT: TWO SCOTTISH PLAYERS FEATURE PROMINENTLY FOR BOTH)**
- 5. ONLY FIVE PLAYERS HAVE CAPTAINED SCOTLAND MORE THAN 30 TIMES. CAN YOU NAME THEM ALL?**

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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		
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90	36	90	61				
90	90	90	76		24		
90	64	76		14	90		
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90		90					
83	1	90		7			
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90		90	11	1			
90	1	90					
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	1	84	90	90	6	65	
	70	90	87	3	66		
90	79	90	90		90		
90	80	90	45		90		
90	90	90		3	90		
90	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		
	7	90	83	90	58		
	76	1	90	45	90	1	45
	59	90	82	8	67		
		90	88	2			
	1	90	79	11	24	4	
		90	74	26	1	84	
	19	90	90	67		65	
	7	90	67	83	72	18	
	15	1	90		78	12	12

FORWARDS											
DONNELLY	RODDEN	STEVEN	CANNON	SAMMON	BUCHANAN	RANKIN	ROY	COULSON	WALES		
9	10	11	17	18	19	24	16	26	28		
	60			72	90	18		1	30		
	90			90					90		
	62			1	90	1	90		5		
				71	45	29			45		
	1	90		1	85				5		
20	70		20	70					32		
78	12			30					60		
1	15	75		90					54		
24		66	14	1	76				14		
1	26		90	14	76						
26		90		1	72				18		
90	80		10	30	76				60		
21	20	85			81		1	90	69		
	6	90		20	90		1	83	70		
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	45	90			90				90		
	1			6	1	90	1	84	79	90	
	1	89		9	90		1	89	81		
		69		21	61			90	29		
				1	90	19		90	71		
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					11			1	73	90	
			45	10	1	30			60	1	90
			23		44		1	46	67	1	90
								16	74	1	90
24		79		1	90			11	66		
		72		79	18			11	26	90	
		1	82	8	14			76	2	90	
6		1	84	17	17		6	73	90		
23			84	1	6	6		14	1	84	
		2	90	35	7			55	1	83	
			90	24	14			4	86		
			1	90	23				1	90	
70		1	84	20	20		6	70	90		
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64			90	84	6		16	6			
70				20	90		70	25			
			83	7	23			18	1	90	
		1	90	1	75	15		75	1	90	



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 2009 - 5 CONSECUTIVE AWAY VICTORIES OVER THE BINOS

2. 1991-92. MONTROSE WERE RELEGATED AFTER FINISHING 11TH OF THE 12 CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS.

3. RANGERS 1971-72 WON THEIR SEMI FINAL 2-0 IN THEIR SUCCESSFUL UEFA CUP WINNERS CUP CAMPAIGN

4. NEW YORK RED BULLS (LEWS MORGAN) AND VANCOUVER WHITECAPS (RYAN GAULD)

5. GEORGE YOUNG (48), ANDREW ROBERTSON (47), BILLY BREMNER (39), DARREN FLETCHER (34), GARY MCCALLISTER (32)





ALLO ATHLETIC



MONTROSE

#	POS				
	1		PJ MORRISON		
	21		KEIR BURT		
	41		TOCHUKWU OGAYI		
	2		SCOTT TAGGART		
	3		EUAN DEVENEY		
	4		STEVEN 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		
	28		BOBBY WALES		
	29		REECE MULLEN		
	30		ETHAN SUTHERLAND		
	MANAGER		ANDY GRAHAM		

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

REFEREE: Colin Whyte

ASST: Paul O'Neill & Stuart Broadfoot

ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

20.04.24, BALMORAL STADIUM, 17:30



COVER RANGERS



ALLOA ATHLETIC

27.04.24, INDODRILL STADIUM, 15:00



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HAMILTON ACCIES

04.05.24, THE FALKIRK STADIUM, 15:00



FALKIRK



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07.05.24, INDODRILL STADIUM, 19:45



SPFL PLAYOFF SEMI-FINAL



SPFL PLAYOFF SEMI-FINAL

11.05.24, TBD, 15:00



SPFL PLAYOFF SEMI-FINAL



SPFL PLAYOFF SEMI-FINAL





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