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**ALLOA AFC CHAIRMAN  
ANDY ALLAN**



# ALLOA ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB



## SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

1921/22

## RUNNERS UP

1938/39

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE 1 RUNNERS UP

1976/77 1981/82

1984/85 1988/89 1999/00

2001/02 2009/10 2012/13

2016/17

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE 2 WINNERS

1997/1998 2011/2012

## CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

1999/2000

## RUNNERS-UP

2001/02 2014/15

## STIRLINGSHIRE CUP WINNERS

1904/5 1907/8 1908/9

1912/13 1920/21 1924/25

1933/34 1946/47 1955/56

1957/58 1959/60 1965/66

1981/82 1996/97

## MOST CAPPED PLAYER

Jock Hepburn, 1 Cap  
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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
 <b>ARBROATH</b>	20	10	4	6	31	23	8	34
 <b>STENHOUSEMUIR</b>	21	9	5	7	29	20	9	32
 <b>KELTY HEARTS</b>	21	8	7	6	28	19	9	31
 <b>ALLOA ATHLETIC</b>	21	7	8	6	27	23	4	29
 <b>QUEEN OF THE SOUTH</b>	21	8	5	8	21	24	-3	29
 <b>COVE RANGERS</b>	20	8	4	8	30	25	5	28
 <b>MONTROSE</b>	20	6	6	8	19	21	-2	24
 <b>ANNAN ATHLETIC</b>	21	5	5	11	18	37	-19	20
 <b>INVERNESS</b>	21	8	7	6	24	23	1	16
 <b>DUMBARTON</b>	20	5	7	8	26	38	-12	7

## WEEKEND'S FIXTURES











### LEAGUE 1

 <b>ALLOA ATHLETIC</b>	 <b>INVERNESS CT</b>
 <b>ANNAN ATHLETIC</b>	 <b>MONTROSE</b>
 <b>QUEEN OF THE SOUTH</b>	 <b>DUMBARTON</b>
 <b>STENHOUSEMUIR</b>	 <b>COVE RANGERS</b>
 <b>ARBROATH</b>	 <b>KELTY HEARTS</b>











### CHAMPIONSHIP

 <b>AIRDRIEONIAN'S</b>	 <b>DUNFERMLINE</b>
 <b>AYR UNITED</b>	 <b>PARTICK THISTLE</b>
 <b>LIVINGSTON</b>	 <b>HAMILTON ACCIES</b>
 <b>QUEEN'S PARK</b>	 <b>GREENOCK MORTON</b>
 <b>RAITH ROVERS</b>	 <b>FALKIRK</b>

### LEAGUE 2

 <b>CLYDE</b>	 <b>ELGIN CITY</b>
 <b>EAST FIFE</b>	 <b>EDINBURGH CITY</b>
 <b>FORFAR ATHLETIC</b>	 <b>STRANRAER</b>
 <b>SPARTANS</b>	 <b>PETERHEAD</b>
 <b>STIRLING ALBION</b>	 <b>BONNYRIGG ROSE</b>

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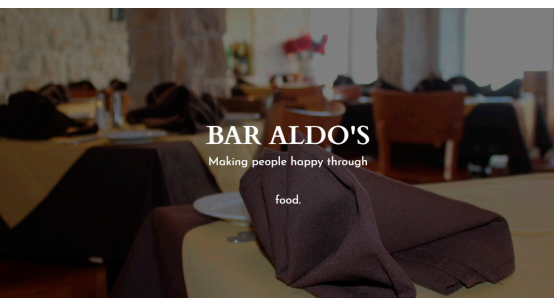
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10/03/1996



**3**

**Morgyn NEILL**

10/03/1996



**6**

**Neil PARRY**

08/11/1985



**21**

**Andy GRAHAM**

22/09/1983

188 CM 85 KG



**5**

**David MCKAY**

17/06/1998



**15**

**Kane THOMSON**

12/09/2004



**17**

**Tochukwu OGAYI**

10/10/1996



**1**

**David DEVINE**

20/06/2001



**23**

MANAGER

**ANDY GRAHAM**



## MIDFIELDERS

**Steven  
HETHERINGTON**

09/03/1993



**Kevin  
CAWLEY**

17/03/1989



**Kurtis  
ROBERTS**

06/09/1994



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DONNELLY**

20/01/1996



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06/11/1986



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19/11/2005



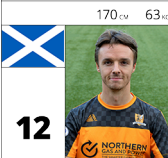
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23/05/2006



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07/12/1992



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27/11/2004



**Miko  
VIRTANEN**

29/01/1999



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O'DONNELL**

29/09/2001



**Reece  
MULLEN**

26/03/2006



**Tyrece  
MCDONNELL**

26/01/2006







## THE GAFFER'S THOUGHTS

I want to wish a warm welcome to everyone involved with Inverness Caledonian Thistle. It's been a tough few months for supporters and staff at the club and it's been heartening to see everyone come together and it's certainly galvanised the club.

Inverness have proved a tough opponent so far and I'm sure today's game will be no different. Scott has done a fantastic job since being appointed and we know that to get a result we need everyone performing.

The Queen of the South game wasn't the outcome we had hoped for but given the circumstances it was a positive point and one which the players deserve credit for not giving up and getting something from the game.

The worst thing to come out of the game was the injuries to Miko Virtanen and Dave McKay. Combined with the news that Stevie Hetherington will be out for the season we certainly don't have troubles to seek on the injury front. One person's injury is another's opportunity though and the squad of players need to believe when they get a chance they can keep the shirt.

Over the next week we hope to add one or two players to help the group. Thank you as always for your support and please get behind the players today.

Best wishes  
Andy



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# NEWSDESK

Last time out, Alloa faced **QUEEN OF THE SOUTH** in an engaging encounter. The Dumfries side took an early lead thanks to a driving run from Ben Luissint, who carried the ball from the halfway line before executing a one-two inside the box and slotting it into the bottom corner. Both teams squandered opportunities throughout the match, and in the second half, it seemed the lead might become insurmountable when Cammy O'Donnell conceded a penalty

inside the box, much to the shock of everyone in attendance. However, PJ Morrison denied the poor attempt from Queen of the South, keeping Alloa in the game. Cameron O'Donnell came closest to the equaliser as he smashed the bar from a free kick but Conor Sammon should really have followed up the rebound after the subsequent fortuitous bounce in front of goal. Alloa youngster Lewis Bruin would come on to make his first team debut.

Alloa waited until late in the game to find an equalizer. They were awarded a controversial penalty after Luke Donnelly was bumped in the box. Captain Taggart stepped up and smashed the spot-kick home, securing a share of the points for Alloa.

Following that match, Alloa participated in the final **STIRLINGSHIRE CUP GAME** of the season. With Stirling Albion already qualified from their side of the draw, this match against East Stirlingshire was a dead rubber. A mixed squad featuring youth players, first-team members, and even staff contested a 0-0 draw, with East Stirling claiming a bonus point after penalties. Notable mentions include coach Graeme Holmes, who donned the black and gold jersey again after a long hiatus, and Kurtis Roberts, who made his first appearance in almost 60 minutes following a lengthy recovery from a hernia injury.

Falkirk winger **SCOTT HONEYMAN**, whose loan agreement was set to end this month, has agreed to an extension until the end of the season.

THE heroes of Alloa Athletic's historic Bell's Challenge Cup final victory will return to the Recs to mark 25 years since they lifted the cup.

The club will be celebrating a quarter of a century since Alloa beat Inverness Caledonian Thistle on penalties after a thrilling 4-4 draw in 1999.

To mark the occasion, Alloa have invited members of the winning squad back to the ground to give them a guard of honour.

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Originally set for Alloa's home game against Dumbarton on 23rd November 2024 but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to Storm "Bert" which decimated the football card that day, the celebration has now been rescheduled for Saturday 1st March 2025 at our home game against Cove Rangers.

A special book to commemorate the 25th anniversary of The Bell's Challenge Cup victory is now available priced £ 5 from the club shop, my email from [jgxalfoafc@aol.com](mailto:jgxalfoafc@aol.com) or visit the Alloa Athletic Football Memorabilia exhibition in Glasstown House, Castle Street, Alloa from 11am to 2pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

Sadly, former Alloa player **ALEX HODGE** passed away on Saturday 18 th January 2025 aged 83.

Alex was born in Lochgelly and began his footballing career with Ballingry Rovers Juniors before joining Blairhall Colliery in 1959.

Alloa Athletic manager Archie "Curly" McPherson signed Alex from Blairhall Colliery in February 1962 after making his

first start as "Trialist" against Clyde on 3rd February 1962, a game "The Wasps" lost 7-2 at Recreation Park to a Clyde side who would win Promotion to First Division as Champions.

Alex Hodge consolidated himself in an Alloa defence at the time which included goalkeeper Adam Hodge, no relation, Bobby Gray, Drew Rogerson, Jim Ireland, Andy Campbell & Brian McGarry.

Alex went on to make 286 appearances with "The Wasps" scoring 12 goals, most of them from the penalty spot. Which made him the player thirteenth in the lists of Alloa Athletic players who have made the most appearances since the end of World War 2. Everyone at Alloa Athletic FC would like to send condolences to Alex's family at this sad time.

Alloa Athletic FC, in conjunction with its community partner, Wasp Community Club, is thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new Club Lotto, designed to raise vital funds to support the continued development of our youth and

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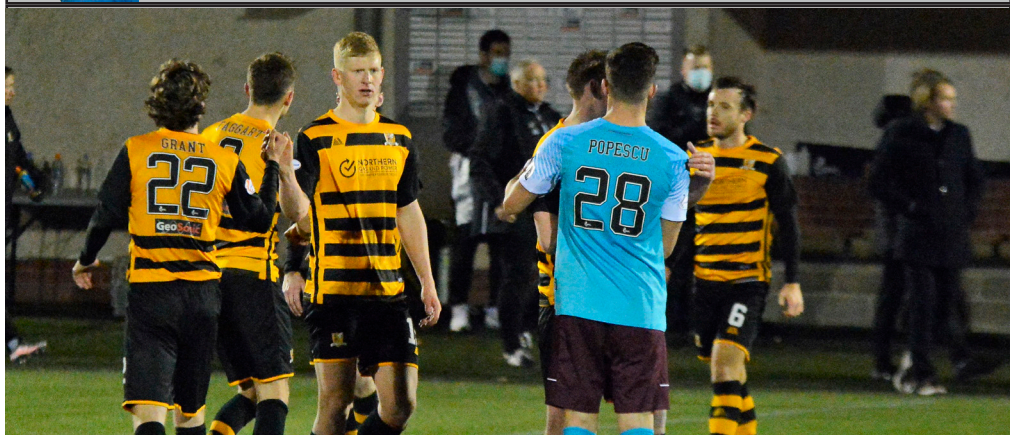
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## ICONIC ALLOA SCORELINES

### Iconic Alloa scorelines

The famous terrace chant of the 1990s “One-nil to the Arsenal”, to the tune of the Pet Shop Boys ‘Go West’ (but originally recorded by The Village People), is etched on my early footballing consciousness. Scottish manager George Graham was often happy to snatch a single goal and then sit on a lead, with the formidable backline of Seaman-Dixon-Bould-Adams and Winterburn often making that a reality for the Gunners. So much so, to this day ‘1-0 to the Arsenal’ is the synonymous 1-0 scoreline to me, with Arsenal’s famous 1994 Cup Winners Cup victory over Parma being by that scoreline and Gooners fans singing it ironically and non-ironically on regular occasions since.

But what are the games you remember first when it comes to specific scorelines in Alloa matches?

In homage to a Football Clichés podcast from a few months ago, when the definitive match for each conceivable scoreline was discussed (the results were largely English-centric, as shown in a table I have compiled to be included in this article), I have undertaken the same task, but purely from the perspective of Alloa games. I’ve attempted to complete this as instinctively as possible, so there is a degree of recency bias and some matches which particularly resonate with me. Furthermore, for this article, I am only recalling Alloa victories or draws, with a future article dedicated

to infamous Alloa scorelines of woe in defeat! So here goes...

**0-0** – The goalless draw on the final day of the regular season at Raith in 2018 springs immediately to mind. Not only did it agonisingly deny Rovers the title, but also meant the Wasps faced them in the play-offs days later. The psychological trauma of handing the title to Ayr (who Alloa had beaten the previous week to seemingly hand Raith the title) was seized upon by Jim Goodwin’s Wasps, who went on to beat Raith home and away in the play-offs and then defeat Dumbarton in the final to secure a famous promotion.

**1-0** – There are plenty to choose from, but beating Hearts for the first (and so far only,



after 131 years of trying) time in our history in November 2020 edges it for me. Although fans could not be present in the ground, watching via the laptop was satisfying enough, as the Wasps put on a typically defiant showing against the Jam Tarts, dumping them out of the cup thanks to a perfect Alan Trouten penalty. The win was made all the more memorable by Hearts manager Robbie Neilson taking the defeat badly and opposite number Peter Grant telling him to 'take his medicine'.

**1-1** – The nerve-racking 1-1 draw away at Somerset Park in 2019 was my immediate thought, with the precious point being enough to ensure the Wasps finished 8th in the Championship and avoided both relegation and the play-offs as the only part-time team in the division. Written off by virtually everyone outside the club throughout the season, four successive wins towards the end of the season propelled Jim Goodwin's men up the table to a very sweet and satisfying survival position.

**2-0** – Again my recency bias is probably coming out here, but the 2-0 success at Dumbarton in the 2018 play-offs wins the day for me. 1-0 down after the first leg, the Sons were the favourites to maintain their place in the Championship on home soil. However, the motivation of promotion won out against the fear of relegation, as the dogged Wasps never gave up and Ross Stewart's 93rd minute opener sent the game into extra-time. From then on there was only going to be one winner, with ex-Dumbarton man Jordan Kirkpatrick's rocket launching the Wasps to a glorious promotion.

**2-1** – The comeback victory



over Hibernian in 2014, representing the Wasps first victory over Hibs in 92 years, was special and memorable. It may have been an early season Championship clash, but it was a rude awakening for the Easter Road side (in a box-office division which also included Hearts and Rangers) and really announced Iain Flannigan as an Alloa player. After a year of injuries, sub Flanny stepped up to slam home a late free-kick to win the game for the Wasps – beautiful!

**2-2** – The away draw at Ibrox on St Patrick's Day in 2015 has all the narrative you could ever want – 1-0 up thanks for a delightful Ben Gordon header (Ben celebrating with free-kick taker Mark Docherty is one of my all-time favourite photographs by David Glencross), then going 2-1 down, only to put together a slick passing move to cut Rangers open for Liam Buchanan to equalise late-on. But also the

Wasps wearing white socks (not all of which were matching, with some having a blue trim which suspiciously looked borrowed from Rangers!), Michael Chopra's debut having been signed that afternoon and the birth of the infamous terrace chant "Same old Alloa, always cheating", all made it a real night to remember.

**3-0** – There are two separate games which spring immediately to mind. Alloa's first televised match in 2013, the sensational 3-0 triumph over a stunned Dunfermline in the first leg of the play-off final, and two years later the second-leg comeback win v Forfar which kept the Wasps up. That was against-the-odds, having lost 3-1 in the first leg. Seeing Dick Campbell celebrate on the Station Park pitch like promotion for the Loons had already been secured geed the Wasps up, with Chopra, Buchanan and Meggatt having other ideas!

**3-1** – The Wasps clinched the 1998 3rd Division title at Central Park with a 3-1 victory over Cowdenbeath. Goals from Miller Mathieson and super subs Gregor McKechnie and Martin Cameron did the trick on a day of celebration for the Wasps.

**3-2** – An easy pick, beating Rangers for the only time in the Wasps history (so far) in 2014 to reach the Petrofac Challenge Cup Final, having been 2-0 down with 17 minutes to play. The Recs will never know a night quite like it for eternity, with the glorious scenes raising a smile for everyone connected with the club forever and ever!

**3-3** – My first thought was an away draw at Livingston on the opening day of the 2010-11 league season, with a point secured thanks to Andy Scott's 91st minute winner. I remember that one most vividly as I was on honeymoon at the time,

meaning dialling up an internet connection in a hotel in Mauritius was a unique way of discovering the Alloa score!

**4-0** – The inaugural play-offs in 2006 saw Alloa go on a great escape from relegation to the basement division. In the first leg of the final, on a sun-kissed evening at the Recs, everything fell into place for the Wasps with a 4-0 triumph over Berwick Rangers. Alloa essentially avoided the drop after the first leg, with two late John Ovenstone headers from Robert Sloan corners putting the cherry on the icing of the cake, making it an unassailable 4-0 victory after first half goals from Accies loanees Tony Stevenson (the 17 year old scoring from the penalty spot) and Paul McLeod.

**4-1** – The Wasps promotion back to the First Division in 2002 was not as thrilling as some of Alloa's other promotions over the

years, but a result which went a long way to Alloa's second promotion in three seasons was a 4-1 trouncing of Champions-elect Queen of the South. That win at the Recs came a couple of games before promotion was secured with a Terry Christie special 0-0 draw at Morton!

**4-2** – Jack Ross's goodbye match as Alloa manager, the Wasps on tour in North Wales, the match being broadcast live on Welsh language channel S4C, the team playing like prime Barcelona and Greig Spence scoring a goal from outside the penalty box, what more could you possibly want from Alloa's 4-2 victory over Bala Town in 2016?

**4-3** – The Wasps were 3-0 down after 18 minutes to Stranraer, in a rearranged midweek away game in April 2007. Having gone into the game on a run of five successive defeats and confidence at an all-time low, it looked as if Stranraer were going to go level on points with the Wasps in the race to avoid 9th place in the table. However, for the small band of Alloa supporters who had made the long journey, their loyalty was rewarded with a totally unexpected comeback. Chris Mackie quickly pulled one back, and a second half double from Ross Clark and late winner from the returning from injury Chris Townsley put Alloa six points clear of Stranraer and basically preserved Alloa's place in the Second Division that season. The Duffle forum was busy that night, with much relief on show!

**4-4** – With apologies to the Inverness supporters reading, but it has to be the 1999 Challenge Cup Final, when the Wasps went ahead four times, only to be pegged back on each



occasion by Paul Sheerin and company for Caley. Alas, Alloa dramatically triumphed on penalties to take the cup home to Clackmannanshire

**5-0** – According to the excellent Fitba Stats website, the Wasps have won 19 games 5-0 in the club's history. The most recent was earlier this season versus Annan (best remembered for those two outrageous strikes from Luke Donnelly), with Peterhead and Bonnyrigg also beaten by the same scoreline at the Recs in recent seasons too.

**5-1** – Recency bias aside, last April's 5-1 thrashing of Stirling at Forthbank is an instantly memorable match and one which I think will firmly stand the test of time in the decades to come.

**5-2** – The Wasps clinched promotion to the Second Division in 1998 with a 5-2 success over East Stirlingshire. A Miller Mathieson hat-trick and brace from Lloyd Haddow meant champagne corks were popping long before the final whistle sounded!

**5-3** – Ross Stewart's perfect first-half hat-trick inspired Alloa's 5-3 midweek victory over Arbroath in March 2018. There are few better feelings than being in an unassailable 4-1 half-time lead, with Dick Campbell's men enduring a difficult evening.

**6-0** – I remember being flabbergasted when I returned from a Tuesday evening around my Grandma's to check the Alloa score on Ceefax and discover the Wasps had beaten Airdrie 6-0 at the Recs in March 2001. Four goals from Ross Hamilton, supplemented by strikes from Stevie Thomson and Chris 'Kicky' Wood did the damage, against an Airdrie side without the influx

of Spanish signings they enjoyed earlier in the campaign.

**6-1** – Alloa beating Queen of the South 6-1 on the final day of the 1999/2000 campaign was the perfect way to end an historic season. It was party time at the Recs with the Wasps already promoted to the First Division and still celebrating winning the Challenge Cup earlier in the season too.

**7-0** – The instantly memorable annihilation of Stirling in 1998 at the Recs is still talked about by the Alloa faithful to this day. Alongside the 3-2 win over Rangers, it is probably the most iconic scoreline in Alloa's history.

**8-1** – An unforgettable day at the Recs as the Wasps secured the Third Division title in 2012 with a crushing 8-1 victory over Elgin City. The Black & Whites were not helped by loanee keeper Zander Clark being dismissed

for a professional foul on his St Johnstone team-mate Stevie May. The 19 year old striker bagged four goals for Paul Hartley's rampant Wasps.

**9-0** – Sandwiched between 4-0 league defeats, the Wasps thrashed Selkirk in a midweek Scottish Cup tie in 2005 thanks to an Iain Nicolson hat-trick, doubles from Ross Hamilton and Robert Sloan and single strikes from Andy Brown and Jose Quitongo. This provided some light relief from the latter days of Tom Hendrie's second spell in charge of the Wasps.

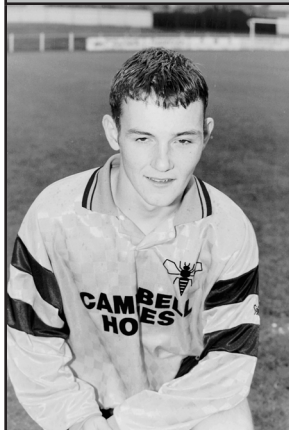
In the next edition of the programme I will continue the theme by showcasing my most infamous Alloa scorelines, together with detailing SPFL Mediawatch's own Scottish football version of the most iconic games with each conceivable scoreline.











## PLAYER FROM THE PAST - GREIG RUSSELL

Started his football career with Forth Valley Junivales then moved to Sauchie Juniors in February, 1991 after signing an X Form to join Alloa Athletic brought to the club by Hugh McCann on a delayed transfer.

Greig was given a taste of senior football when he made his senior debut for "The Wasps" on 30th March, 1991 against local rivals Stirling Albion when he came on for John Irvine.

At the start of Season 1991-92 Greig took part in pre-season games, which were all played away from home due the building of the new stand at Recreation Park, he played against Dundee at Beechwood, Sauchie, Airdrie at St.Loretto's in Kirkintilloch and Stenhousemuir at Ochilview in Stirlingshire Cup.

In Season 1992-93, Greig was called up from Sauchie Juniors and was a regular squad player for that season. He scored his first goal for the club v. Brechin City at home on 26th September, 1992 in 3-2 victory goal scorers Gavin Tait, Shaun Smith & Greig Russell. Greig was again on target on 26th January, 1993 against Montrose at home in a 3-0 victory goal scorers Neil McAvoy, Barrie Moffat & Greig Russell.

Manager Hugh McCann left the club at the end of season 1992-93 in May, 1993 and was replaced by Billy Lamont. Greig was out to impress the new manager and scored against Clydebank and Stirling Albion in the Stirlingshire Cup, however he found first team outing more limited under Billy Lamont.

Greig scored his final goal for the club on 2nd March, 1994 against Meadowbank Thistle away, in 3-2 defeat Stevie McCormick scoring Alloa's other goal.

At the end of Season 1993-94 Greig was freed by manager Billy Lamont, in his time with "The Wasps" Greig made 43 appearances for Alloa Athletic scoring 5 goals.

After leaving Alloa Athletic, Greig moved to Prestonfield to play for Linlithgow Rose signed by manager Colin Sinclair.

Later he moved to Milton Amateurs and set up his Plumbing and Heating Business, however he still enjoys going to football matches normally involving Liverpool or being part of the Tartan Army following Scotland.







FIXTURE	VENUE	COMPETITION	RESULT	WIN/DRAW/LOSS	OGAYI	PARRY	MORRISON	TAGGART	WATERS	GRAHAM	NEILL	MCKAY	THOMSON
East Fife	Home	LC	0(5)-(4)0	Draw			90	90	90			90	20
Brechin	Away	LC	1-3	Win			90	90	90		90	90	10
St Johnstone	Home	LC	3-2	Win			90	90	90		90	90	
Greenock Morton	Away	LC	2-1	Loss			90	90	90		90	90	
Queen of the South	Home	L1	0-0	Draw			90	90	90			90	90
Dumbarton	Away	L1	3-3	Draw			90	90	90			90	90
Stenhousemuir	Home	L1	1-0	Win			90	90	90		29	90	61
Annan Athletic	Away	L1	0-1	Win			90	90	90		90	90	
Arbroath	Away	L1	0-0	Draw			90	90	90		90	90	6
Partick Thistle	Away	CC	1-3	Win	90			90	90		90	90	2
Inverness	Home	L1	2-2	Draw			90	90			90	90	90
Kelty	Home	L1	1-0	Win			90	90			90	90	90
Montrose	Away	L1	2-2	Draw			90	90			90	90	90
Cove Rangers	Home	L1	0-2	Loss			90	90	90		45	78	12
Arbroath	Home	CC	1-0	Win	90			90	90			90	90
Stenhousemuir	Away	L1	1-0	Win			90	90	90		90	90	
Arbroath	Home	L1	0-1	Loss			90	90	46		42	90	90
Annan Athletic	Home	L1	5-0	Win			90	90			90	90	90
Queen of the South	Away	L1	1-1	Draw			90	90	90		90	90	
Dunfermline	Away	CC	1-0	Loss	90			90			90	90	90
Inverness	Away	L1	1-0	Loss			90	90	90		90	90	
Dumbarton	Away	SC	3-2	Loss			90	90	90		90	90	
Dumbarton	Home	L1	2-2	Draw			90	90	90		90	90	
Kelty	Away	L1	0-2	Win			90	90	75		90	90	
Montrose	Home	L1	1-2	Loss			90	90			90	90	90
Cove Rangers	Away	L1	2-0	Loss			90	90			90	90	90
Stenhousemuir	Home	L1	1-3	Loss			90	90			90	90	45
Arbroath	Away	L1	1-3	Win			90	90			90	90	90
Queen of the South	Home	L1	1-1	Draw			90	90			90	86	68
Inverness	Home	L1											
Dumbarton	Away	L1											
Montrose	Away	L1											
Kelty	Home	L1											
Annan Athletic	Away	L1											
Cove Rangers	Home	L1											
Arbroath	Home	L1											
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Cove Rangers	Away	L1											
Montrose	Home	L1											
Kelty	Away	L1											





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# APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		ALL O'CARREER LGE	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
OGAYI	GOAL	0 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	8 (1)	0
PARRY	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	138 (0)	0
MORRISON	GOAL	21 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	26 (0)	0	51 (1)	0
TAGGART	DEF	21 (0)	3	8 (0)	2	29 (0)	5	286 (2)	19
WATERS	DEF	12 (0)	1	7 (0)	0	19 (0)	1	52 (0)	2
GRAHAM	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	190 (8)	14
NEILL	DEF	17 (2)	1	6 (0)	1	23 (2)	2	51 (2)	1
MCKAY	DEF	21 (0)	1	8 (0)	0	29 (0)	1	35 (5)	2
THOMSON	DEF	13 (3)	1	2 (3)	0	15 (6)	1	13 (3)	1
DEVINE	DEF	0 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	33 (4)	0
HETHERINGTON	MID	13 (2)	0	5 (1)	0	18 (3)	0	170 (35)	6
CAWLEY	MID	12 (7)	1	7 (1)	3	19 (8)	4	352 (62)	65
ROBERTS	MID	3 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	7 (0)	0	39 (0)	4
NEVANS	MID	0 (3)	0	0 (4)	0	0 (7)	0	0 (3)	0
SCOUGALL	MID	14 (3)	2	6 (0)	1	20 (3)	3	96 (25)	10
VIRTANEN	MID	11 (4)	0	2 (1)	0	13 (5)	0	24 (15)	1
O'DONNELL	MID	12 (7)	1	2 (2)	0	14 (9)	1	45 (48)	4
MULLEN	MID	2 (1)	0	1 (3)	0	3 (4)	0	2 (1)	0
MCDONNELL	MID	4 (7)	0	0 (1)	0	4 (8)	0	4 (7)	0
HONEYMAN	MID	1 (5)	0	0 (1)	0	1 (6)	0	1 (5)	0
DONNELLY	FWD	16 (3)	6	5 (3)	2	21 (6)	8	34 (30)	15
SAMMON	FWD	6 (14)	5	3 (3)	1	9 (17)	6	68 (58)	32
BUCHANAN	FWD	17 (4)	0	7 (0)	0	24 (4)	0	27 (31)	2
RANKIN	FWD	15 (1)	5	6 (0)	3	21 (1)	8	15 (12)	6



ALLOA CAREER CUP		ALLOA TOTAL	
APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL

5 (0)	0	13 (1)	0
35 (0)	0	173 (0)	0
19 (0)	0	70 (1)	0
66 (1)	5	352 (3)	24
18 (0)	1	70 (0)	3
54 (3)	1	244 (11)	15
12 (1)	2	63 (3)	3
13 (2)	0	48 (7)	2
2 (3)	0	15 (6)	1
3 (1)	0	36 (5)	0
38 (10)	1	208 (45)	7
74 (13)	15	426 (75)	80
10 (1)	0	49 (1)	4
0 (4)	0	0 (7)	0
25 (8)	3	121 (33)	13
5 (4)	0	29 (19)	1
14 (7)	1	59 (55)	5
1 (3)	0	3 (4)	0
0 (1)	0	4 (8)	0
0 (1)	0	1 (6)	0
9 (7)	4	43 (37)	19
21 (7)	10	89 (65)	42
13 (4)	1	40 (35)	3
6 (6)	3	21 (18)	9

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## TOP HONOURS\*

Scottish Cup

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Runners Up 2022-23

Scottish League Cup

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Winners 2003-04,

2017-18, 2019-20

Runners Up 1999-00,  
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This afternoon Alloa continue their run of fixtures at the Indodrill Stadium with the visit of Inverness Caledonian Thistle. It has been an eventful season for the Highland side having been relegated from the Scottish Championship last campaign. A change of manager and personnel on the pitch has fallen low down in the list of activities at Inverness with most of the focus being on off the pitch matters. After entering administration, Inverness were deducted 10 points and found themselves at the foot of the table. What the management and players have done though

in the face of adversity has been admirably as they have overturned a negative points tally to a positive. The visitors sit in 9th position, on 13 points, but the gap to complete safety has closed to seven points, with a game in hand over Inverness. Returning stability to the club is the priority but on the pitch, remaining in the division would certainly go a long way to helping that.

## THE BOSS – SCOTT KELLACHER

Following the widely reported departure of Duncan Ferguson, Inverness turned to

a club hero in Scott Kellacher to manage the team. Born in Inverness, he began his career at Celtic Boys Club before returning to Inverness in 1999. Failing to break into the first team at Inverness, Kellacher joined Highland League side Nairn County, where he stayed until 2007 when he joined Third Division side, Elgin City for a brief loan spell. During that spell at Nairn, he made his first flurry into management by taking the reigns of the Inverness reserves in 2006 and remained in that role for 12 years. During that time he served beside John Robertson, Neil McCann, Billy Dodds and





Duncan Ferguson. After taking 7 points out of possible 9 against Kelty Hearts, Cove and Alloa Athletic in November, Kellacher won the League One manager of the month award. He continues to be a popular figure both within the club and with the supporters as he drives his team up the table.

#### **THE CAPTAIN – DANNY DEVINE**

Another change in the way Inverness line up compared to the last time they visited. With the appointment of Kellacher, former captain, Billy McKay, stepped up to assistant player-manager and has passed on his duties of the captain's armband. Danny Devine, who expressed his relief of not being released, was awarded for his

loyalty and leadership with the armband. The centre half had been serving as vice captain and has played over 200 games for the club since he rejoined in 2020. Devine did have a spell previously at the club between 2013 and 2016, where he was part of the squad who won the Scottish Cup in 2015. This season he has featured 23 times and found the back of the net twice, including in the first fixture between the sides.

#### **NEW BOY – ALFIE BAVIDGE**

Kellacher made the double swoop of loans from Aberdeen by bringing in both Alfie Stewart and Alfie Bavidge. The latter started his career with Aberdeen and was a graduate of the Scottish FA Performance School at Hazelhead Academy. Alloa fans may

remember Bavidge from his loan spell at Kelty Hearts last season. He impressed in his season with the club scoring nine goals in total, including his first senior hat-trick against Edinburgh City. That strong form seen him be a part of the Scotland u-19 set-up where he played alongside Alloa loanee, Bobby Wales. The beginning of this season seen him make the step up to the Championship with a loan move to Ayr United, however, after limited minutes he was recalled and immediately sent to Inverness. It didn't take him long to make his mark as he scored in side's 2-0 win over Dumbarton on his debut. He follows in his father's footsteps, Martin Bavidge, who played for Inverness between 1998 and 2002.

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**BY KIEREN MOONEY**

## ONE TO WATCH – CHARLIE GILMOUR

This afternoon's one to keep a close eye on is a man familiar to Wasps fans. Defensive midfielder, Charlie Gilmour, has been having an impressive season in the heart of the Highlander's midfield. He has played 15 times for the side this season and when he is on the park is an integral part of the way Inverness play, which shows in the fact he has never been subbed off in any fixture. Gilmour has also contributed to the goals finding the back of the net twice this season, one of those being the winner in the previous game between the clubs. He comes from good footballing background having gone through the well renowned academy at Arsenal and making a handful of appearances for the first team in the Europa League and EFL Trophy. The midfielder had a

short spell on loan at Alloa in the 2021/22 season, making 11 appearances for the club and grabbing a solitary goal.

## THE CONNECTION

There have been several names in the past who have played for both sides. For a few seasons there seemed to be a common trend with former Alloa loanees making their way up to the Highlands on permanent deals. Jamie McCart and Robbie Deas had extremely successful spells at both clubs. Both now compete in the Premiership with Hearts and Kilmarnock. With this current crop, it is only Charlie Gilmour who returns to the Indodrill to face his former side. There are no current connections in the Alloa ranks who have plied their trade for the visitors. One of the more recent players for the Wasps would be Steven Boyd who departed Alloa in 2022 for a season at Inverness.

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The last game between the sides was the one previously mentioned at the Caledonian Stadium. Charlie Gilmour's strike twenty minutes from time was enough to win the game for the hosts back in November. The game prior to that in Alloa had much more goalmouth action, ended 2-2. The now captain, Danny Devine, opened the scoring for the visitors on the seventh minute before Calum McLeod doubled Inverness's lead in the second half. Alloa were not down out though with Conor Sammon grabbing a life-line for the Wasps just minutes after McLeod's goal. Another few minutes after that Alloa would find themselves level with an acrobatic finish from Luke Donnelly. Heading into the final 15 minutes, despite being written off, it was Alloa who found themselves hard done by not to take all three points.







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Premier Division leaders Rangers extended their advantage to six points, and at the same time made it ten league games unbeaten, after they narrowly defeated struggling Dunfermline 1-0 at Ibrox. Hearts' 3-2 home success v fifth-placed Dundee United moved them into second spot in place of Aberdeen, who dropped to third after a rather surprise 0-1 defeat at lowly St. Mirren. While Celtic still retained fourth position, in spite of a 0-1 home reverse v Motherwell, who remained sixth. At the other end of the table, Dundee, in spite of a welcome 2-0 home victory v Hibs, were still rooted to the bottom, and as The Dee trailed safety by eight points, they were starting to look likely candidates to take the sole relegation place. But St. Mirren's welcome success relieved their own relegation worries, as they moved up one place to third-bottom spot, swapping positions with Dunfermline.

In The First Division, table-toppers St. Johnstone's emphatic 4-0 home win v mid-table Ayr saw them move three points

ahead of second-placed Airdrie, who were game less. Third-placed Partick were another inactive side, as were Hamilton Accies, and the latter in fact slipped to fifth, and were replaced in fourth spot by Falkirk, after "The Bairns" triumphed 2-0 at Morton. Rock-bottom Forfar were another side to find themselves game less, while the same was true of second-bottom Alloa, while third-bottom Albion Rovers relegation worries continued in the shape of a 2-3 defeat at Meadowbank. As for Alloa, their next engagement was two days hence, a re-arranged Scottish Cup tie, at home v Second Division Queen of The South. Alas, Alloa's Scottish Cup interest for season 1989-90 ended at the first hurdle, after a 2-3 defeat, John Irvine with a brace netting for The Wasps, who were now free to concentrate 100% on their First Division survival bid. And The Wasps had lined up as follows: Ronnie Lowrie, Keith McCulloch, Robert Lee, Andy Millen. Dougie Lee, John Gibson, Charlie Lytwyn, Steve Ramsay, Mungo McCallum (Peter Lamont), Ian Lee, John Irvine (Harry Erwin).

Second Division leaders Brechin moved three points clear, after they overcame struggling Berwick by 1-0 at Glebe Park. Third-placed Stenhousemuir and fourth-placed Dumbarton met in a top-of-the-table clash at Ochilview, The Warriors finally emerging victorious in a thrilling contest by 4-3, the win moving them into second place. Stirling Albion dropped from second to third after a 0-1 defeat at East Fife, Dumbarton, in spite of their defeat, still retained fourth spot, while rock-bottom East Stirling were gameless.

South of the border, it was FA Cup fourth round day. And the previous season's two finalists, holders Liverpool and runners-up Everton, visited Norwich and Sheffield Wednesday respectively the following day. Meantime, Arsenal, another fancied side, were held 0-0 at home by London rivals QPR, though Aston Villa, seeking a first FA Cup triumph since 1957, progressed to the fifth round, after they hammered Midlands rivals Port Vale by 6-0 at Villa Park.



**DAVID PEW HEADS HOME  
THE WINNER VS INVERNESS  
10TH MAY 1997**

## HALF TIME QUIZ

- 1. REFEREE STEVEN KIRKLAND HAS AWARDED HOW MANY RED CARDS TO THE WASPS IN HIS LAST SIX GAMES INVOLVING ALLOA?**
- 2. ICT STRIKER ALFIE BAVIDGE JOINED THE HIGHLAND SIDE ON LOAN FROM ABERDEEN HAVING ALREADY PLAYED FOR KELTY HEARTS IN LEAGUE ONE LAST YEAR. HOW MANY GOALS DID THE FORWARD MANAGE WHILE IN FIFE?**
- 3. MOTHERWELL REJECTED A £2.5 MILLION BID FOR TEENAGE STARLET LENNON MILLER FROM UDINESE THIS WEEK BUT WHO HOLDS THE RECORD AS SCOTLAND'S MOST EXPENSIVE TEENAGE TRANSFER?**
- 4. ROMAN EREMENKO, 37, WAS DENIED A SWANSONG IN THE PREMIERSHIP WITH ST JOHSTONE THIS WEEK. HOW MANY CAPS DOES HE HAVE FOR FINLAND?**
- 5. ERLING HAALAND REPORTEDLY SIGNED A MAMMOTH CONTRACT RUNNING TO 2034 WITH MANCHESTER CITY. WHICH TWO CHELSEA PLAYERS HAD PREVIOUSLY HELD THE RECORD FOR LONGEST CONTRACT?**

**ANSWERS PAGE 31**





## FANS VIEW

In recent weeks, Alloa Athletic's performances have swung wildly between impressive displays and frustrating lapses, making it a challenge to predict which version of the team will show up on any given match-day. The recent victory over league leaders Arbroath was a shining example of what this team is capable of, combining a sharp attacking edge with defensive solidity that has often been lacking. However, Saturday's outing against Queen of the South was a return to disappointing form. An early goal seemed to rattle Alloa, and despite a late push to salvage a point, they struggled to seriously

test Queen's goalkeeper Ross Stewart throughout the game.

One silver lining for Alloa is that Inverness faced a grueling midweek schedule, including a lengthy away trip. Queen of the South managed a significant victory, with Scotland youth international Alfie Bavidge striking early before ex-Caley Adam Brookes hit two goals against his former side. Although Keith Bray equalized for Inverness opponents, Jordan Allan sealed the victory with another League 1 goal, reminding fans of his potential beyond his ill-fated stint at Falkirk.

This midweek result has intriguing implications for the league. Queen of the South are now level with Alloa on 29 points, although the Wasps maintain a slight edge on goal difference. The league remains tightly contested, with six teams separated by just six points. For Alloa and other part-time teams, this season represents a golden opportunity to make a serious impact, especially in the absence of a dominant full-time side like a fully-strengthened Inverness. However, Inverness's role in shaping the league's outcome cannot be discounted - they'd have been sitting 4th without administration for

perspective - particularly if they can find a way to maximize the potential and ability of players like Bavidge.

I can't help but look with jealousy at his loan of signing. His ability to score crucial goals at such a tender age, much like Alloa's own Luke Rankin, could be pivotal in the coming months. Yet, it's clear that January reinforcements are needed for the Wasps, discount Conor Sammon at your peril but the Irishman isn't getting any younger and it's a lot of pressure for Rankin to bear the goalscoring burden on his own. But with injuries to key defensive players, including left-back Calum Waters, David McKay, and defensive midfielder Steven Hetherington in recent weeks, we might be forced to strengthen both the attacking and defensive units to restart our title push.

Looking at potential additions, Daniel Cummings, who currently trails Caledonian Braves' Ross McNeil by just a couple of goals in the Lowland League top scorers chart, could be an intriguing option to

bolster the attack. Last season, Makenzie Kirk—then the Lowland League's top scorer—made a successful loan move to Hamilton - hopefully it's within the realms of possibility

Defensively, the club might consider targeting players in the U19 international mold. Dylan Smith, recently recalled by Ross County, would be an ideal replacement for McKay. However, he is likely headed back to Arbroath. A shame we can't afford to clone him. Another name to watch is Duncan Barlow, the captain of Kilmarnock's U18 Advanced

League-leading side, who has reportedly drawn interest from clubs in England.

As the January window progresses, Alloa's recruitment decisions will play a critical role in determining their trajectory for the rest of the season. Will it be a positive one as we saw Jordan Kirkpatrick and Ross Stewart firing the Wasps up at Dumbarton? Or will Alloa just fall short as in recent years.

Whatever happens there'll be a dramatic end to the season coming in league 1.



## QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. 5 ALLOA PLAYERS - HUTTON, HENDERSON, NEIL, WATERS AND MCDONNELL HAVE ALL SEEN RED IN GAMES OVERSEEN BY STEVEN KIRKLAND.**
- 2. THE SCOTLAND U19 MANAGED 9 GOALS IN HIS 26 GAMES AT KELTY HEARTS**
- 3. OLIVER BURKE - NOTTINGHAM FOREST TO RB LEIPZIG FOR £13 MILLION**
- 4. 73 FINLAND CAPS- THE FIRST OF WHICH CAME AGAINST ENGLAND IN 2007**
- 5. COLE PALMER AND NICOLAS JACKSON WERE SIGNED UNTIL 2033!**











# ALLOA ATHLETIC



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#	POS			
	1	TOCHUKWU OGAYI		
	21	NEIL PARRY		
	31	PJ MORRISON		
	2	SCOTT TAGGART		
	3	CALUM WATERS		
	5	ANDY GRAHAM		
	6	MORGYN NEILL		
	15	DAVID MCKAY		
	17	KANE THOMSON		
	23	DAVID DEVINE		
	4	STEVEN HETHERINGTON		
	7	KEVIN CAWLEY		
	8	KURTIS ROBERTS		
	10	SCOTT HONEYMAN		
	11	SHAY NEVANS		
	12	STEFAN SCOUGALL		
	14	MIKO VIRTANEN		
	20	CAMERON O'DONNELL		
	22	REECE MULLEN		
	26	TYRECE MCDONNELL		
	9	LUKE DONNELLY		
	18	CONOR SAMMON		
	19	STEVEN BUCHANAN		
	24	LUKE RANKIN		
<b>MANAGER</b> ANDY GRAHAM				

#	POS			
	4	JAKE DAVIDSON		
	5	REMI SAVAGE		
	6	DANNY DEVINE		
	7	CHARLIE GILMOUR		
	8	ADAM MACKINNON		
	9	BILLY MCKAY		
	10	ALFIE BAVIDGE		
	11	LUIS LONGSTAFF		
	12	MATTHEW STRACHAN		
	14	CALUM MACLEOD		
	15	CALUM MACKAY		
	17	LEWIS NICOLSON		
	18	ROBBIE THOMPSON		
	19	SAM THOMPSON		
	20	BEN CORNER		
	21	MUSA DIBAGA		
	22	KEITH BRAY		
	23	ETHAN CAIRNS		
	24	ALFIE STEWART		
	25	SZYMON REBILAS		
	26	PAUL ALLAN		
	27	JAMES NOLAN		
	29	BEN GARDINER		
	32	CONNALL EWAN		
<b>MANAGER</b> SCOTT KELLACHER				

**REFEREE:** STEVEN KIRKLAND

**ASST:** ELLIOT HUSBAND-POWTON & ROSS NELSON


## ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

01.02.25, DUMBARTON FOOTBALL STADIUM, 15:00



DUMBARTON



ALLOA ATHLETIC

08.02.25, LINKS PARK, 15:00



MONTROSE



ALLOA ATHLETIC

15.02.25, INDODRILL STADIUM, 15:00



ALLOA ATHLETIC



KELTY HEARTS

22.02.25, GALABANK, 15:00



ANNAN ATHLETIC



ALLOA ATHLETIC

01.03.25, INDODRILL STADIUM, 15:00



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