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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
(Scotland v Wales 1891)

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
HEARTS	10	8	0	2	30	13	17	24
DUNFERMLINE	10	5	4	1	20	13	7	19
DUNDEE	11	5	4	2	22	20	2	19
RAITH ROVERS	9	4	3	2	21	11	10	15
GREENOCK MORTON	10	4	3	3	10	13	-3	15
AYR UNITED	11	3	4	4	16	16	0	13
INVERNESS CT	9	3	3	3	15	12	3	12
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	11	3	1	7	12	25	-13	10
ALLOA ATHLETIC	11	2	2	7	10	24	-14	8
ARBROATH	10	1	2	7	5	15	-10	5

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

CHAMPIONSHIP

ALLOA ATHLETIC	HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN
GREENOCK MORTON	DUNFERMLINE
DUNDEE	AYR UNITED
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	ARBROATH
RAITH ROVERS	INVERNESS CT

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GOALKEEPERS

Neil PARRY

08/11/1985

195 cm 95 kg



1

DEFENDERS

Scott TAGGART

27/12/1991

183 cm 71 kg



2

Liam DICK

19/08/1995

180 cm 76 kg



3

Andy GRAHAM

22/09/1983

188 cm 83 kg



5

MATCH

most appearances

Cawley	355
Taggart	191
Hetherington	186
Graham	175
Robertson	172

GOALS

Cawley	62
Trouten	35
Buchanan	26
Graham	12
Thomson	11

Andy WILSON

22/04/1998

190 cm 70 kg



21

Jon ROBERTSON

25/04/1989

183 cm 77 kg



8

Nicky JAMIESON

03/08/1996

190 cm 89 kg



15

Lucas WILLIAMSON

26/03/2003

168 cm 58 kg



24

Reece WILLISON

27/05/1999

190 cm 77 kg



31

Edin LYNCH

07/08/2000

188 cm 77 kg



25

MANAGER

PETER GRANT



MIDFIELDERS

Steven HETHERINGTON

09/03/1993

180 cm 70 kg



Kevin CAWLEY

17/03/1989

170 cm 64 kg



Stefan SCOUGALL

07/12/1992

170 cm 64 kg



Adam BROWN

09/06/1995

175 cm 70 kg



Blair MALCOLM

03/02/1997

180 cm 70 kg



Cameron O'DONNELL

29/09/2001

180 cm 70 kg



Ray GRANT

01/09/1996

178 cm 70 kg



Innes MURRAY

17/02/1998

180 cm 70 kg



FORWARDS

Liam BUCHANAN

27/03/1985

175 cm 70 kg



Alan TROUTEN

08/11/1985

173 cm 70 kg



Lee CONNELLY

18/10/1999

170 cm 58 kg



Robert THOMSON

28/05/1993

188 cm 83 kg



Liam EVANS

17/11/2001

190 cm 70 kg





DAVID GLENCROSS



NEWSDESK

Today we welcome Hearts to the Indodrill Stadium, welcoming Robbie Neilson, the players, officials and directors of Heart of Midlothian FC. The sides have met twice already this season, Hearts winning the midweek SPFL Championship fixture at Tynecastle Park on Tuesday 24th November, 2020, 3-0 with goals from

Michael Smith, Andy Halliday and Peter Haring. However the following Saturday 28th November, 2020 "The Wasps" were to claim victory in the Betfred Cup 2nd Round when an Alan Trouten penalty in extra time gave "The Wasps" their first victory over Heart of Midlothian in 131 years with "The Wasps" reach-

ing the League Cup Quarter-Finals for the 5th time in 74 years. The closest Alloa Athletic had come to defeating Hearts had been in the Scottish Cup in Season 1979/80 when leading 1-0 through an Alan Holt goal the fog descended on Recreation Park and the referee abandoned the game, in the replay in mid-

week Hearts won 1-0. Prior to that in the Victory Cup, a one off tournament played at the end of Season 1945/46 to celebrate the end of World War Two, Alloa Athletic defeated Hearts 3-1 at Recreation Park, however Hearts were to win the second leg at Tynecastle 5-0 to win the tie 6-3 on aggregate. Both managers will be looking

to bounce back today having lost their last fixtures Hearts losing 3-1 to Dundee in the SPFL Championship on the 2nd January, while “The Wasps” suffered a last minute defeat to Paul Hartley’s Cove Rangers losing 3-2 in the Scottish Cup.

On Monday 11th January, The Scottish FA Board met to discuss the escalating COVID-19 situation across the country and its impact on the national game at all levels. While the updated Scottish Government guidance permits the continuation of professional sport, the board meeting, which followed a Joint Response Group discussion on the matter last Friday, nevertheless considered the implications of doing so at all tiers of the Scottish football professional pyramid, against a backdrop of increased positive cases across the country. In particular, the board gave extensive consideration to making a decision in the interests of public health, taking cognisance of the government’s wish

to reduce travel and possible contact with others whilst safeguarding commercial broadcasting contracts that sustain the professional game. Following a meeting between the Scottish FA and the Minister for Public Health Sport and Wellbeing, both parties have agreed to impose a temporary suspension of all football beneath the Scottish Professional Football League Championship, encompassing all predominantly part-time tiers of the Scottish professional pyramid, from midnight tonight.

The impacted leagues are: SPFL League One, SPFL League Two, Scottish Women’s Football Premier Leagues 1 & 2, Highland League, Lowland League, East, West & South of Scotland Leagues, Scottish Junior FA Leagues and the North Caledonian League. Based on the imperatives of acting in the best interests of public health and participant safety, whilst ensuring professional clubs’ survival, the SPFL Premiership will be exempt from the suspension.



The SPFL Championship will also be able to continue provided it commences weekly PCR testing. The suspension of the game below the SPFL Premiership and Championship will be for three weeks, until 31st January, and will be reviewed on a rolling basis by the Scottish FA Board in partnership with Scottish Government. The Scottish Cup will also be suspended, with any matches scheduled to be played prior to the 1st February to be rescheduled in due course.

Rod Petrie, Scottish FA President said “After discussions with the SPFL, the Premiership and Championship will continue on the proviso that both adhere to the existing testing regime. The vast majority of teams in those divisions are

full-time professional clubs and so the risk of transmission remains manageably low. The cost implications to lower-division clubs was one factor but so too the realisation that many – with some notable exceptions – consist of part-time players who are either prevented from working due to the virus or have to work. “In either case, the risk is currently too great amid the developing nationwide spread of the virus. “We reiterate our commitment to playing our part in the collective effort to eradicate the virus.”

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PETER GRANT



MANAGERS NOTES

Good Afternoon
Everyone,

I would like to welcome you all to today's game however you are tuning in. Obviously these are trying circumstances for everyone with the landscape we all live in changing daily, so I hope you and all your loved ones stay healthy.

On to last week's game v Cove we have to be honest and say they deserved to win the game. We didn't do enough in or out of possession and at any level you won't win games of football being passive. With today's game, we know our opponent has 1 aim this season. You can see that with the recruitment of staff and players





to go along with the quality they already had at the club. Both previous games have been tough so far this season with mixed results but one thing for sure we know it will be a very difficult game and we will have to be at our very best.

Finally I would like to welcome Robbie and all his staff and players.

Enjoy The Game

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PETER





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SCOTTISH CUP

9th January 2021
Indodrill Stadium, Alloa
3:00pm KO

ALLOA ATHLETIC

2:3

COVE RANGERS



(0:2)

SCORERS

Trouten	28'	1:0
		1:1 38' Masson
O'Donnell	39'	2:1
		2:2 76' McAllister
		2:3 90' Strachan



STARTING XI

- 1 PARRY
- 3 DICK
- 5 GRAHAM
- 6 HETHERINGTON
- 7 CAWLEY
- 8 ROBERTSON
- 9 BUCHANAN
- 10 TROUTEN
- 15 JAMIESON
- 20 O'DONNELL
- 22 GRANT

SUBS

- 31 WILLISON
- 12 SCOUGALL
- 17 CONNELLY
- 18 MALCOLM
- 19 THOMSON
- 23 MURRAY
- 25 LYNCH

SUBS

- 11 MCINTOSH
- 16 ROSS
- 21 DEMUS
- 22 SMITH
- 25 LOGAN

STARTING XI

- 1 MCKENZIE
- 3 MILNE
- 4 SCULLY
- 5 ROSS
- 6 STRACHAN
- 8 YULE
- 9 MEGGINSON
- 10 MASSON
- 13 MCALLISTER
- 20 GRAHAM
- 24 FVIE

REFEREE: David Dickinson

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

2nd January 2021
 Indodrill Stadium, Alloa
 3:00 pm KO

ALLOA ATHLETIC

1:1

GREENOCK MORTON



(0:0)

SCORERS

0:1 11' Hetherington

Thomson **85'** **1:1**



STARTING XI

- 1** PARRY
- 3** DICK
- 5** GRAHAM
- 15** JAMIESON
- 8** ROBERTSON
- 6** HETHERINGTON
- 22** GRANT
- 20** O'DONNELL
- 7** CAWLEY
- 23** MURRAY
- 9** BUCHANAN

SUBS

- 17** CONNELLY
- 18** MALCOLM
- 19** THOMSON
- 24** WILLIAMSON
- 25** LYNCH
- 26** EVANS
- 31** WILLISON

SUBS

- 7** MILLAR
- 11** OLIVER
- 18** BLUES
- 21** OMAR
- 22** EASDALE
- 24** WALLACE

STARTING XI

- 20** MCADAM
- 2** LEDGER
- 3** FJORTOFT
- 5** MCGINTY
- 8** MCALISTER
- 10** NESBITT
- 12** ORSI
- 14** SALKELD
- 16** STRAPP
- 17** LYON
- 19** COLVILLE

REFEREE: Grant Irvine

CHILD PROTECTION AND WELLBEING POLICY

Alloa Athletic FC acknowledges its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of those who engage with the club especially children and vulnerable adults. We are committed to protecting children and vulnerable adults from all form of harm and actively promoting the creation of a positive, safe and supportive environment.

We recognise -

- the welfare of the child (up to the age of 18) is paramount.
- all children regardless of age disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- working in partnership with children and their families is essential in promoting and embedding this policy

The purpose of the policy and related procedures is to:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults
- provide staff and volunteers with appropriate training to recognise, identify and respond to safeguarding concerns relating to children and vulnerable adults
- ensure appropriate action is taken in event of incidents of concerns and that support is provided to those who raise or disclose the concern and that is dealt with confidentially;
- prevent the employment or engagement of unsuitable individuals by adopting rigorous recruitment and vetting procedures

Alloa Athletic Football Club's policy will be widely promoted and will be reviewed on a regular basis, or in the event of changes in legislation or government guidance, or as a result of any other changes.

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KEVIN CAWLEY: THE RECORD BREAKER

This afternoon Kevin Cawley could break an Alloa club record which has stood for 50 years by becoming Alloa's top post-WW2 appearance maker, with today scheduled to be appearance number 360 for the Wasps' skilful and versatile attacker. The prospect of playing more games for the club than any other player in the past 75 years is simply phenomenal. In making 360 appearances Caw-

ley will surpass Bobby Gray's record of 359 set between 1962

and 1971. In an era of one-year contracts and increased player movement, the loyalty required to get anywhere close to that number of appearances should be applauded.

Cawley is, put simply, Alloa's most successful ever player. During two spells now spanning eight and a half seasons

Kevin has one league

winners medal (Third Division in 2011/2), won two play-off promotions to the Championship

(2012/3 and 2017/8) and is a four-time Championship survivor (2013/14, 14/15, 18/19 & 19/20). Barring a season away at Dumbarton, Cawley has been a constant in arguably Alloa's finest (and certainly most dramatic) decade.

On a personal level Kevin was also in the Third Division Team of

the Year and a candidate for the individual divisional Player of the Year award in 2012.

There are few better sights when watching the Wasps than Cawley, with his naturally low centre of gravity, twisting and turning in the final third to either find space to take a shot or play in a team-mate. His 100% commitment, off-the-ball play and surprising quality in the air are also particular at-

tributes. He has turned in so many man of the match performances over the years I haven't got enough space to list them here, but his performances in the 2013 play-off win versus Dunfermline and 2019's televised victory over Dundee United spring immediately to mind.

Cawley is also 6th on Alloa's list of post-WW2 top goalscorers. Of those 62 strikes, my top five would be 5) his curling strike away at St Mirren in the 2019 Scottish Cup; 4) his very first Alloa goal in 2012 when he dribbled around a number of players before firing home a dramatic late winner at Stranraer; 3) a 30 yard screamer in a televised game against Falkirk in 2015; 2) Alloa's goal of the season in 2019/20 with an exquisite turn and finish at Morton;



1) an absolute rocket from 30 yards into the postage stamp top corner versus Dumbarton in 2015.

His popularity amongst the supporters and fellow players has never been in doubt. A year ago I ran a Twitter poll seeking to crown the Alloa Player of the Decade. Perhaps the most telling immediate feedback I received was from long-time team-

mate Stevie Hetherington, who succinctly responded "no voting needed, just give it straight to Kevin Cawley". Stevie was right, as Cawley won the crown (out of 194 players) with over half the votes in the final, beating Graeme Holmes, Iain Flannigan and Hetherington himself in the final four.

Over the years Kev's six separate managers have all showered him

with praise. Back in November 2013 Paul Hartley, who made Cawley his second ever signing in the summer of 2011 (having known Kevin as a youth and reserve player at Celtic), spoke about Kev excelling in the Championship after successive promotions "The wee fella's attitude to the game is first class. I think he is just getting better and better. Each time we have moved up he has handled the next level well and I definitely think he can handle the step up again."

On re-signing Cawley for the Wasps in May 2016, then manager Jack Ross told The Alloa Advertiser "Kevin signing here is not something based on sentimental reasons. I have been a long time admirer of his and I recognise the qualities he has. He is versatile in that he can play in a number of attacking roles and so I was very surprised at how quickly I got him. I think that speaks volumes for his affections for this club



that he did not hesitate to come back.”

After making 250 appearances for the club in March 2018 Jim Goodwin provided some jovial analogies “Kevin is a great professional and he has got another 100 in the bag if he wants because he is like the energizer bunny - he just never stops running, and he doesn't look like he is ever going to get old - he is like Peter Pan! We are delighted to have him and we could all do with more “Kevin Cawleys.” A year later when passing the 300 game mark Jim once again had kind words “Kevin has been a brilliant servant to the club and has scored some really important goals over the years. To make

300 appearances is just outstanding. He is a very reliable player and very rarely lets you down. If I am here next year, he will be here next year. It really is as simple as that. He is a pleasure for me as a young manager to work with and the boys love him.”

At the same time, Cawley himself gave a rare reflection on his time with the club “Alloa has been a massive part of my life... I have always had good times here. Out with the the full-time teams, this is the best place to be playing football. It's such a well run club with great backroom staff. The chairman is brilliant and the fans are fantastic.” At the same time Cawley also humbly spoke of his ambition to eclipse

Gray's appearance record “Hopefully, I can get many more and I've got my eyes set on the top. If I am still here next year, I wouldn't mind trying to get that.”

More recently Peter Grant quickly identified Kevin's quality and he has been virtually ever-present in the starting XI since Grant's arrival in July 2019. Within a couple of weeks of becoming Alloa manager Grant was already purring about ‘King Kev’ and tweaking his role in the team “Kevin Cawley has too much ability to just be out on the wing and has been brought more into the middle to be involved more and I think he has had a big effect in every game we have played and is getting better and better, he is

a great team player and talented individual.” That talent was in full focus in the dramatic 4-4 draw at Morton in February 2020, with Cawley scoring Alloa's goal of the season with a sublime turn and finish from 25 yards, leaving Grant smitten again “Kevin Cawley was magnificent even after

I moved him to right-back. He scored a worldie and set-up two goals and his overall contribution was outstanding.”

Being awarded the SPFL's player of the week gave ‘wee Kev’ some deserved wider appreciation too, although the player himself remained as modest as ever, simply explaining to the Alloa Advertiser “I managed



to get free and get half a yard and get the shot away and lucky enough it has gone into the top corner.”

Cawley has also reinvented his role in the team several times. After beginning as an out-and-out striker (ten and fourteen goals in his first two seasons with the club), he has gradually morphed into a number of different roles, such as a second striker or ‘No. 10’, playing at the head of a midfield diamond, most commonly as a right-midfielder but occasionally off the left too (always with licence to drift inside, a central midfielder and even as an emergency right-back late in games under Peter Grant last season. It is that sort of selfless versatility that has enabled Kev to be such an integral part of the team over eight and a half seasons.

This season, watching every single game live (albeit on my laptop) has made me appreciate the little magician all the more. Although I don't have the data to prove this, I'd suggest that Cawley is one of the most fouled players in the Alloa team and perhaps the entire Championship. Every week he seems to be targeted for heavy challenges and, without fail, Cawley takes a moment to recover but is then back on his feet and ready to go



again. His durability is something truly special, relentlessly recovering from kicks to spur his team on again.

Even in games when ‘Kevez’ isn't particularly shining you can always guarantee that his work-rate for the team is undiminished. Take the example of the away match at Dundee last month, where Kevin was tasked with nullifying

Charlie Adam. During the first-half Adam was forced to drop deeper and deeper in search of the ball, thanks to the diligent close attention Cawley was paying Dundee's star player. Cawley is a player who works so hard off-the-ball, with him being the king of the high press and winning possession back in dangerous areas. It is a role he has perfected over the years, with his enthusiasm for ‘the dirty side of the game’ truly

endearing.

His recent performance in the televised Betfred Cup Quarter Final against Hibernian was simply sensational too.

Playing in central midfield against one of the finest sides in the country, “KC” was arguably the best player on the pitch. His full repertoire of twists and turns were on full show, getting himself out of tight spots and helping build

Alloa's play on numerous occasions. His ability to win back possession shone again, as did his ability to break the lines (making him so difficult to mark), drawing praise on social media from a number of former teammates such as Eddie Ferns and Jason Marr.

I'll leave the last word to Kevin himself. Speaking to the Alloa Advertiser last summer after re-signing for the

season, ‘King Kev’ once again proclaimed his admiration for the Wasps “I wasn't going to go anywhere else and I've enjoyed every season I have been at Alloa. It's a good fit for me and it feels like a second home. There's a great feel about the place and I play my best football there. It's just a good group of boys there and we have always had that tight knit core of boys. It's been great and hopefully long may it continue.”

So, here's to Kevin on breaking yet another Alloa record, and a phenomenal one too! Without doubt he's a true Alloa great and still one of the finest part-time players in the country, but at the age of just 31 hopefully there are still many more chapters to be written in the story of Alloa's magic man.

APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
PARRY	GOAL	7 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	13 (0)	0
WILSON	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
WILLISON	GOAL	4 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	5 (1)	0
TAGGART	DEF	7 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	11 (0)	0
DICK	DEF	11 (0)	0	6 (0)	0	17 (0)	0
GRAHAM	DEF	9 (0)	0	4 (1)	0	13 (1)	0
JAMIESON	DEF	5 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	9 (0)	0
GILHOOLY	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
WILLIAMSON	DEF	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
LYNCH	DEF	2 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	5 (0)	0
HETHERINGTON	MID	10 (0)	1	5 (2)	1	15 (2)	2
ROBERTSON	MID	11 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	16 (0)	0
SCOUGALL	MID	1 (4)	1	3 (3)	1	4 (7)	2
BROWN	MID	2 (1)	0	2 (0)	0	4 (1)	0
MALCOLM	MID	0 (2)	0	2 (0)	0	2 (2)	0
O'DONNELL	MID	3 (0)	0	2 (2)	1	5 (2)	1
GRANT	MID	9 (0)	0	5 (1)	0	14 (1)	0
MURRAY	MID	7 (2)	1	4 (1)	0	11 (3)	1
CAWLEY	FWD	11 (0)	1	5 (1)	0	16 (1)	1
THOMSON	FWD	5 (6)	3	1 (5)	3	6 (11)	6
BUCHANAN	FWD	6 (4)	2	6 (1)	3	12 (5)	5
TROUTEN	FWD	8 (0)	2	5 (1)	3	13 (1)	5
CONNELLY	FWD	3 (4)	0	2 (2)	0	5 (6)	0
EVANS	FWD	0 (0)	0	1 (2)	0	1 (2)	0



ALLOA CAREER LGE		ALLOA CAREER CUP		ALLOA TOTAL	
APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
122 (0)	0	35 (0)	0	157 (0)	0
1 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	1 (2)	0
4 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	5 (1)	0
150 (0)	6	41 (0)	1	191 (0)	7
63 (0)	1	22 (0)	0	85 (0)	1
137 (0)	11	39 (1)	1	176 (1)	12
5 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	9 (0)	0
0 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	1 (1)	0
0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0
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A FAN'S VIEW

This edition of the match programme will undoubtedly contain several excerpts in tribute to Kevin Cawley breaking the Alloa appearance record last week. There's a depth of moments and memories to look back on when we consider the career he has had at the club, but I thought I'd go right

back to the start when he joined in 2011 and that initial run of form in his maiden season. As we know, Kevin Cawley was one of Paul Hartley's first signings as the new manager looked to build a team entirely from scratch in the 3rd Division. Cawley's signing was well received by Alloa supporters, as

quite a few had seen him the previous season playing against the club. He was a real standout for East Stirlingshire in a League Cup tie against the Wasps at Ochilview. Cawley put Shire in front, and generally dazzled with some of his skills and trickery. Alloa came back to win that game, but Cawley certainly

didn't deserve to be on the losing side.

His flying start to his Alloa career is very significant for me, because his performances in particular at that point in time triggered a belief in me that the Paul Hartley era would be the start of something special. And if I could refine that even further to

one moment, it occurred in the opening league match of that season against Stranraer down at Stair Park. Despite being almost a decade ago, it's a match I remember vividly. Alloa of course lined up with 11 league debuts, a team still knitting together. Pre match I was drinking in one of the bars on Stranraer main street, and for some unknown reason the referee started the match a few minutes prior to the regulated 3pm time. I was around 100 yards from the turnstile at the park area in front of the ground when a cheer went up. It wasn't substantial in volume though, and the tannoy announcement sounded that Ryan McCord had put Alloa ahead from the spot. Finally admitted, we walked the "gauntlet" of the home support under the enclosure where we asked the steward to open the cage door to the away section (any past attendees of Stair Park will be well aware of that

unique entry method). The rest of that opening half was anything but pleasurable. As a team still finding their feet, Alloa were disjointed and unorganised. And Stranraer came at them like a cavalry on that bumpy divot laden surface. As the half time whistle sounded, Alloa were behind by two goals to one, but in truth very fortunate to still be in the game.

After an opportunity to regroup (and no doubt a few harsh words in the dressing room), Cawley began to exert his influence on the game along with Ryan McCord. It was now Alloa who were dominating the game, peppering the same goal as Stranraer had just moments prior. Paul Hartley sensed the tide was turning, and introduced attacking reinforcements- Ryan Caddis for Mark Docherty. And moments later the visitors equalised through a set piece, with Ben Gordon's powerful header on the hour mark. But just as Alloa looked to kick on for the 3 points, they were

on the receiving end of a real setback. Caddis lasted only 7 minutes before committing a slightly reckless challenge in front of the home dugout. It merited a yellow card, but the reaction of the Stranraer players and bench appeared to influence the referee as he flashed a straight red.

It's worth pointing out why this incident gave the travelling support such a sinking feeling. Under the previous manager Allan Maitland we had some good players at the club, and some good times. But Alloas road form was poor- we tended not to travel well and at the time the small pocket of travelling Alloa fans were accustomed to regular tooth kickings. A couple of seasons earlier we had visited Stair Park on Scottish Cup duty and led before David McClune was red carded as Alloa lost 4-2. So there was certainly cause for trepidation and depression. Alloa needed a few minutes to draw their breath, but didn't deviate in any way

from their front footed strategy. They continued to dominate the game, with their man deficit a complete non-factor in the players mentality. Stranraer were holding on as the end drew near- happy to get off the park, away from this onslaught with a share of the spoils. But with 6 minutes remaining, the moment arrived. From the left flank, Cawley ghosted into the area past 2 Stranraer defenders. Onrushing Stranraer goalkeeper David Mitchell appeared to have sufficiently narrowed the angle. But Cawley bewildered him with a feint to the left before stepping to right and slotting into the net. I suppose it's easy to say in hindsight but Cawley's goal kickstarted the club, and paved the way for better times- a higher level. Winning away from home. Winning away from home after going a man down. And the nature of the goal itself. Kevin would go on to score far better goals for the club. But the goal contained elements

of composure, confidence, self-assurance and outright cheek. If you look back at photos from that day, there's a great one of Cawley wheeling away after scoring with the Alloa support behind the goal going utterly crazy.

Cawley would push on from that performance and reach an even higher level in the weeks that followed. He scored doubles against Peterhead at home then at Queen's Park away. In that Hampden game in particular he was absolutely unplayable. Although I can't find

any evidence, I'm sure Paul Hartley immediately extended his contract following that match. His form dipped a bit as that year drew to a close, but that actually helped the team progress as a unit. We were way too reliant on him in the final third. Paul Hartley signed Stevie May to get the goals and the rest is history as Alloa romped to the Third Division championship.

If Cawley's initial impact was similar to the Stone Roses debut album, Kevin has had the longevity of the Rolling Stones. Iain Flannigan was probably my fa-

avourite Alloa player of the past decade, but Kevin is a very close second. And he's undoubtedly the player that has given me the most joy. On countless occasions he's not only been the most skilful and impactful player on the pitch, but the hardest working too. He shows the same desire and guile in minute 88 as he does in minute 1. This is something he has never lost- that point being driven home in sensational performances against Hearts and Hibs 10 years later in this season's League Cup. With this work ethic he's inevita-

bly got a good few seasons left in the tank- a chance to put that appearance record out of sight (hopefully). But whilst the milestone will cement his legacy, it wasn't really required. In years to come, he'll be remembered by the supporters as one of the all-time greatest Alloa players.

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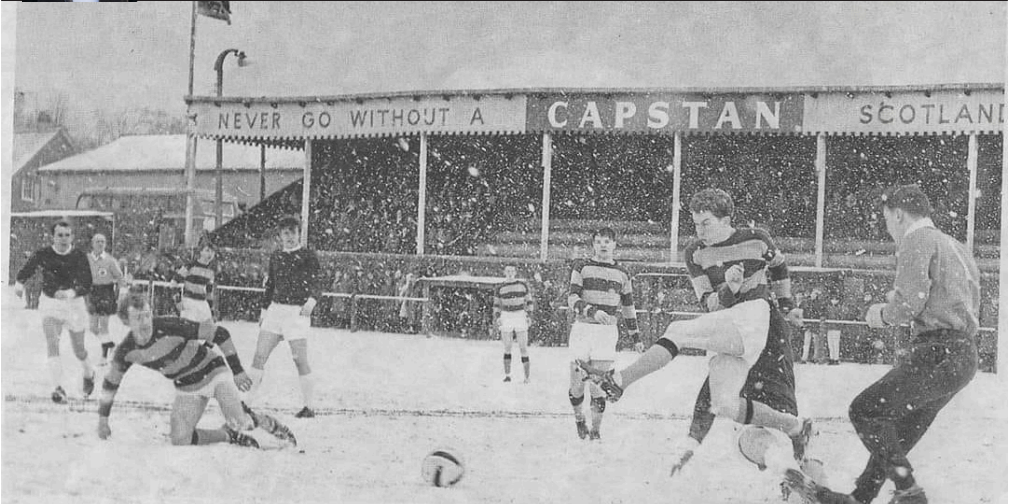
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In The Premier Division, the day's top game was undoubtedly at Pittodrie, where third-placed Aberdeen hosted leaders Rangers. And a 2-1 win for The Gers saw them remain a point clear of second-placed Dundee United, who recorded an emphatic 5-0 win at hapless Hamilton Accies, while Celtic were now third, following a 2-1 home success v St. Mirren.

Aberdeen slipped one place from third to fourth, fifth-placed Hibs were victorious by 2-1 at lowly Dundee, while today's visitors Hearts remained seventh, after they were held 0-0 at home by another of the strugglers, Motherwell. Hamilton Accies latest defeat kept them well and truly ensconced in last place, now looking certain to make an immediate return to The First Division, Motherwell remained just one

place above their local rivals, while Dundee still occupied third-bottom position.

There was a change of leadership in The First Division, for Dunfermline's 3-2 home win v struggling Partick enabled them to regain top spot in place of Airdrie, who were gameless due to the cancellation of their top-of-the-table clash at second-placed Falkirk. The Diamonds thus dropped to second, Falkirk slipped

one place to third, while fourth-placed St. Johnstone were held 1-1 at Raith. In the "basement battle" at Rugby Park, third-bottom Kilmarnock entertained bottom-of-the-table Queen Of The South, who now appeared virtually doomed for the drop. But a 2-1 win for Killie moved them up one place, Meadowbank, held 1-1 at home by Forfar now occupied third-bottom position, while Partick remained



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second from bottom.

Down in the Second, Berwick recorded only their third league success of the season, 2-1 at Arbroath, but in spite of this welcome win, The Borderers remained rooted to the bottom of the table. East Fife and East Stirling shared four goals and the points at Bayview, while second-placed Queen's Park were held 1-1 at Montrose.

Alloa meantime, faced Highland League outfit Forres Mechanics in a Scottish Cup second round replay at Recreation Park, The Wasps lining up as follows: Lowrie, Robertson, R. Lee, Millen, McCulloch, Gibson, A. Smith, Bateman (Findlay), Lytwyn, I. Lee, Ramsay (West). And in front of their second-highest home crowd so far in 1988-89, just under 900, Alloa ran out 2-0 winners thanks to goals from Charlie Lytwyn and Gus Smith, their reward being a home tie v Second Division counterparts Albion Rovers in the third round. In other second round replays, Albion Rovers narrowly overcame Coldstream by 1-0 at Cliftonhill, Brechin were 2-1 home winners v Caledonian, Dumbarton crushed Elgin by 4-0 at Boghead, while Stenhousemuir overcame Cowdenbeath by the odd goal in five at Ochilview.

South of the border, Arsenal moved five points clear at the top of The First Division after a 3-1 win at Everton, while second-placed Norwich's title hopes suffered a blow after a 1-2 home defeat v Coventry, who moved up to third. At the other end of the table, West Ham's 2-1 win at Derby moved them off the bottom, The Hammers were replaced by Newcastle, 1-3 losers at Aston Villa. Chelsea's 1-0 home win v London rivals Crystal Palace saw them regain leadership of The Second Division, The Blues replaced WBA, who dropped to second after a 0-2 defeat in their top-of-the-table clash at Watford, who were now third.



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This afternoon Alloa welcome table-toppers, Hearts, to the Indodrill for the second time this season. The visitors currently sit five points clear at the top of the table, ahead of promotion rivals Dunfermline. Despite losing out the last game 3-1 to Dundee, they remain firm favourites to bounce back to the Premiership at the first time of asking. As well as their exciting league campaign so far which has seen them win eight games and score thirty goals, their season also had an interesting Scottish Cup continuation. Having seen off Hibernian in the derby at Hampden in the

semi-final, Neilson's men booked a spot against Celtic in the Scottish Cup final. After a dramatic game which ended 3-3 after extra-time, the Championship clubs fell short of the Champions who saw them off in an topsy-turvy penalty shoot-out.

THE BOSS - ROBBIE NEILSON

The visiting manager will need no direction on how to get to the Indodrill this evening as it once again is the returning Robbie Neilson. The former right-back of course guided Dundee United to the Championship title last season, although his side did find coming here quite a challenge with a draw and a defeat. He shocked some quarters of Scottish football in the summer when he sealed a return to Tynecastle to lead the Championship title surge once again. He was remembered fondly by Jambo's after his first spell which saw one of the best sides to win Scotland's second tier cruising past rivals Rangers and Hibs. He went onto qualify for the Europa League in the first season back in the

top flight by finishing third before departing for MK Dons. The move down South didn't work out as planned, however, a chance at Tannadice brought his career back on track as he became something of a Championship title expert winning it for the second time.

THE CAPTAIN - STEVEN NAISMITH

The man to lead out the visitors this afternoon will be the well-renowned, Steven Naismith. The attacker burst onto the scene in 2004 with Kilmarnock where impressive performances would start a bidding war from the two big clubs in Glasgow for his services. Naismith opted for a move to Rangers and he would go on to enjoy five years at Ibrox. During his time with the Gers he would win the league three times, the Scottish Cup once and today's tournament, the League Cup, twice. He has also played pivotal roles for Everton, Norwich and of course, Scotland. 2018 saw him make a move to Hearts, initially on loan. A further loan spell followed before making





the move permanent in 2019. A year later, in an attempt to shake things up for a struggling Hearts, Daniel Stendel stripped Christophe Berra of the captain armband and handed it to the 50 capped striker. The striker will be in a confident mood having bagged a hat-trick against Arbroath just over a week ago.

NEW BOY – GARY MACKAY-STEVEN

Following an eye-catching summer transfer window, Hearts have further flaunted their financial power in this league by securing the services of winger, Gary Mackay-Steven last week on a two-year deal. He burst onto the scene in 2011 being part of the exciting Dundee United squad who boasted the likes of Stuart Armstrong, Ryan Gauld and Andy Robertson. After impressing at Tannadice, he made

the £250,000 switch to Glasgow to sign for Celtic under Ronny Diela. During his time there he won the Premiership three times, as well as picking up a League Cup. Before making his illusive move to the States, Mackay-Steven played for Aberdeen for two seasons. In 2019, he did make the move to New York City and went on to score on his 29th birthday against Vancouver Whitecaps.

After failing to win a new deal there, he opted to move home and join the revolution at Hearts. This signing further emphasises Hearts intent to come out the Championship stronger than ever and also boosts their international quota. Mackay-Steven has two caps for Scotland, one in which he assisted his now captain, Steven Naismith, for the winner against Portugal. He now looks set to make

his debut at the hallowed astro-turf of the Indodrill.

One to Watch - Stephen Kingsley

The opposition's quality is highlighted by the fact that the one to watch, both offensively and defensively, is their left-back. Stephen Kingsley signed for Hearts in October following his release from Hull City at the end of the 2019-20 season. Kingsley is no stranger to Scottish football having played over eighty times for Falkirk and having one senior cap and several youth caps for the Scotland national team. His experience so far this season has been a prized asset for the Jambos assuring their back-line but

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BY KIEREN MOONEY

also providing plenty of threat going forward too. In the league this year, he already has four goals to his name, including a brace against Dundee on the opening day of the season. However, his stand-out performance came against Celtic in the Scottish Cup final. Kingsley scored in the 3-3 draw, as well as picking up the man of the match award by the BBC. However, it would end in despair for the left-back as his decisive penalty was saved by Conor Hazard in the shoot-out.

THE CONNECTION

There aren't any players in the opposing ranks making a return

to Alloa this afternoon. Similarly in the Alloa dressing room there is only the connection would be the Hibernian boys, Buchanan and Murray, looking to get one over their rivals! However, there have been a few players who have spent some time on loan at Alloa from Hearts. The most memorable of those being Dario Zanatta. The Candian lit up the Recs with his blistering pace and trickery during his time with the club in 2018/19. Alloa fans will have fond memories of the winger but probably none rank as highly as his perfect solo goal against Dundee United to earn all three points moments from the final

whistle.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The sides have already met twice this season with both teams enjoying one day of glory each. Both games occurred in the same week and Hearts got off to the perfect start on the Tuesday night. Despite Liam Boyce missing two penalty kicks for the hosts, hearts cruised to a comfortable 3-0 victory over Alloa. Michael Smith, Andy Halliday and Peter Haring all got on the score-sheet to give Hearts the three points. However, despite their midweek exploits, this plucky Alloa side came out with a point to prove in the

Betfred Cup just four days later. The Wasps would book their place in the Quarter Finals for just the fifth time in seventy-four years when they secured their first ever win against Hearts in the club's one-hundred and thirty-one year history. The game went to extra-time after a battling 0-0 draw. In the additional thirty, it was the part-timers who looked more likely and fitter to get the three points. After Robert Thomson bundled to the ground, Alloa were awarded a penalty kick. Alan Trouten stepped up, sent internationalist Craig Gordon the wrong way and completed a historic 1-0 win for Peter Grant's men.

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2. PUT THE HEARTS "RICCARTON THREE" (PAUL HARTLEY, CRAIG GORDON, STEVEN PRESSLEY) IN ORDER IN TERMS OF SCOTLAND CAPS EARNED.
3. WHICH 3 CLUBS HAVE REACHED MULTIPLE EUROPEAN CUP/ CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINALS BUT HAVE NEVER WON THE TROPHY?
4. IN WHICH 2 WORLD CUPS DID THE FINALISTS ALSO FACE EACH OTHER IN THE GROUP STAGES OF THE TOURNAMENT?



GOALKEEPERS

Craig GORDON

31/12/1982



1

DEFENDERS

Michael SMITH

04/09/1988



2

Aidy WHITE

27/10/1991



3

Christophe BERRA

31/01/1985



6

Ross STEWART

10/04/1995



13

Stephen KINGSLEY

23/07/1994



21

Jamie BRANDON

05/02/1998



25

Craig HALKETT

29/05/1995



26

Zdenek ZLAMAL

05/11/1985



23

Mihai POPESCU

07/05/1993



28

MANAGER

ROBBIE NEILSON



MIDFIELDERS

Peter HARING

02/03/1993



Jamie WALKER

25/06/1993



Olly LEE

11/07/1991



Jordan ROBERTS

05/01/1994



Andy HALLIDAY

11/08/1991



Gary MACKAY-STEVEN

31/08/1990



Andy IRVING

03/02/1997



Elliott FREAR

11/09/1990



Lewis MOORE

04/07/1998



Josh GINNELLY

24/03/1997



FORWARDS

Liam BOYCE

06/05/2000



Steven NAISMITH

03/08/1996



Craig WIGHTON

17/01/1998



Euan HENDERSON

20/06/2000



Scott MCGILL

27/06/2002



MIDFIELDERS												
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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. THOMAS FLOEL, MAURICIO PINILLA, LARYEA KINGSTON

2. CRAIG GORDON (55), STEVEN PRESSLEY (32), PAUL HARTLEY (25)

3. STADE DE REIMS (1956/1959), ATLETICO MADRID (1974/2014/2016), VALENCIA (2000,2001)

4. WEST GERMANY/HUNGARY IN 1954 (3-8 IN GROUPS, 3-2 IN FINAL) AND BRAZIL/CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN 1962 (0-0 IN GROUPS, 3-1 IN FINAL)





ALLOA ATHLETIC



HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN

#	POS			
	1	NEIL PARRY		
	21	ANDY WILSON		
	31	REECE WILSON		
	2	SCOTT TAGGART		
	3	LIAM DICK		
	5	ANDY GRAHAM		
	6	STEVEN HETHERINGTON		
	7	KEVIN CAWLEY		
	8	JON ROBERTSON		
	9	LIAM BUCHANAN		
	10	ALAN TROUTEN		
	12	STEFAN SCOUGALL		
	14	ADAM BROWN		
	18	BLAIR MALCOLM		
	19	ROBERT THOMSON		
	20	CAMERON O'DONNELL		
	22	RAYMOND GRANT		
	23	INNES MURRAY		
	24	LUCAS WILLIAMSON		
	25	EDIN LYNCH		
	26	LIAM EVANS		
	MANAGER PETER GRANT			

#	POS			
	1	CRAIG GORDON		
	2	MICHAEL SMITH		
	3	AIDY WHITE		
	4	JOHN SOUTTAR		
	5	PETER HARING		
	6	CHRISTOPHE BERRA		
	7	JAMIE WALKER		
	8	OLLY LEE		
	10	LIAM BOYCE		
	11	JORDAN ROBERTS		
	13	ROSS STEWART		
	14	STEVEN NAISMITH		
	15	CRAIG WIGHTON		
	16	ANDY HALLIDAY		
	17	GARY MACKAY-STEVEN		
	19	ANDY IRVING		
	21	STEPHEN KINGSLEY		
	22	LOIC DAMOUR		
	23	ZDENEK ZLAMAL		
	24	ELLIOT FREAR		
	25	JAMIE BRANDON		
	26	CRAIG HALKETT		
	27	LEWIS MOORE		
	28	MIHAI POPESCU		
	30	JOSH GINELLY		
	31	EUAN HENDERSON		
	36	SCOTT MCGILL		
	MANAGER ROBBIE NEILSON			

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ASST: Paul O'Neill & Michael MacDermid

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13.02.21, HOME, 15:00

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20.02.21, AWAY, 15:00

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