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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  
(Scotland v Wales 1891)

\*includes equivalent competitions

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
 <b>COVE RANGERS</b>	19	12	4	3	41	19	22	40
 <b>MONTROSE</b>	19	9	8	2	33	16	17	35
 <b>AIRDRIEONIANS</b>	17	9	2	6	28	22	6	29
 <b>QUEEN'S PARK</b>	17	6	9	2	32	18	14	27
 <b>CLYDE</b>	18	6	5	7	23	33	-10	23
 <b>PETERHEAD</b>	19	6	4	9	28	31	-3	22
 <b>FALKIRK</b>	18	6	4	8	21	28	-7	22
 <b>ALLOA ATHLETIC</b>	19	5	5	9	26	33	-7	20
 <b>DUMBARTON</b>	18	5	3	10	25	37	-12	18
 <b>EAST FIFE</b>	18	3	4	11	21	41	-20	13

## WEEKEND'S FIXTURES









### LEAGUE 1

 <b>ALLOA ATHLETIC</b>	 <b>FALKIRK</b>
 <b>DUMBARTON</b>	 <b>AIRDRIEONIANS</b>
 <b>CLYDE</b>	 <b>QUEEN'S PARK</b>
 <b>EAST FIFE</b>	 <b>MONTROSE</b>
 <b>PETERHEAD</b>	 <b>COVE RANGERS</b>

### LEAGUE 2

 <b>EDINBURGH CITY</b>	 <b>ALBION ROVERS</b>
 <b>ELGIN CITY</b>	 <b>FORFAR ATHLETIC</b>
 <b>KELTY HEARTS</b>	 <b>COWDENBEATH</b>
 <b>STENHOUSEMUIR</b>	 <b>STIRLING ALBION</b>
 <b>STRANRAER</b>	 <b>ANNAN ATHLETIC</b>

### CHAMPIONSHIP

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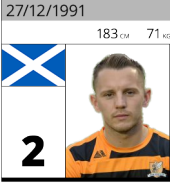
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**Keir BURT**

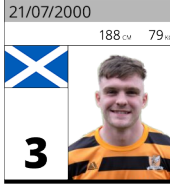


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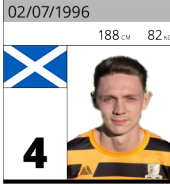
**Scott TAGGART**



**Daniel CHURCH**



**Craig HOWIE**



### MATCH

most appearances

Cawley	394
Taggart	229
Robertson	210
Graham	208

### GOALS

Cawley	67
Trouten	42
Graham	13
Henderson	11

**David HUTTON**



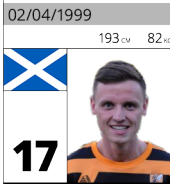
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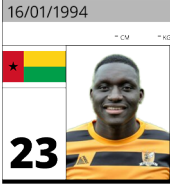
**Mark DURMAN**



**Jordan ARMSTRONG**



**Fernandy MENDY**



**Lucas WILLIAMSON**



**Tom LEIGHTON**



### MANAGER

**BARRY FERGUSON**



MIDFIELDERS

**Kevin CAWLEY**

17/03/1989

170 cm 64 kg



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**Jon ROBERTSON**

25/04/1989

183 cm 77 kg



8

**Stefan SCOUGALL**

07/12/1992

170 cm 64 kg



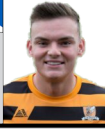
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FORWARDS

**Ben ARMOUR**

12/04/1997

180 cm 76 kg

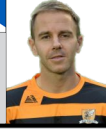


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**Alan TROUTEN**

08/11/1985

173 cm 70 kg



10

**Mark LAMONT**

25/02/1998

178 cm 68 kg



14

**Charlie GILMOUR**

11/02/1999

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**Adam KING**

11/10/1995

180 cm 69 kg

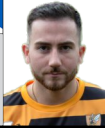


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**Steven BOYD**

12/04/1997

173 cm 65 kg



11

**Conor SAMMON**

06/11/1986

188 cm 74 kg



18

**Mouhamed NIANG**

08/10/1999

CM KG

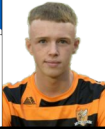


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**Cameron O'DONNELL**

29/09/2001

180 cm 70 kg



20

**Euan HENDERSON**

29.06.2000

CM KG



22





**BARRY FERGUSON**



# MANAGERS NOTES

Welcome to Falkirk, Martin Rennie and Kenny Miller and the staff, players and directors.

We're on a very tough run, but the only way we can get out it, is to roll up our sleeves and work even harder. It's not a good time in terms of results and the boys,

naturally, have taken a hit to their confidence. After the game at Airdrie we had a good chat with them and we've got Tuesday and Thursday to try and build up that confidence, because I've no doubt we've got really good players. They're just going through one

of those stages that you have as a football player. It's something I went through myself in my career. Ask any ex-player, or current player, at some stage you'll go through it. It's just a case of working through it on the training ground. That's something I can't fault them for

is the 100% effort they give in training. We've got no shortage of motivation with it being a home game, being Falkirk, a full time-team, and them being one of the preseason favourites. We'll set up in the right manner, work hard in training and hopefully, get a bit



of luck too to break this run.

The window is open in January, I always keep an eye out for what we can improve, there's still areas that could use strengthening, and we'll see if we can do business but January is a

tough time to sign anyone. If the right player becomes available we'll try to do business. I think naturally too there'll be some who go to get game-time elsewhere but it's something we'll have to keep an eye on to see who's available and if they

fit in with how we want to play.

Fernandy Mendy, is away on international duty. Although it's disappointing to not have all the players available all you have to do is look at the opportunity for him to play against

some of the world's best players. I think you'll have heard a few of them from the Premier League. It might be Nando's last chance to do that. So I'm disappointed but it's a brilliant opportunity for him.





**JOHN GLENCROSS**



# NEWSDESK

To-day we welcome Falkirk FC to the Indodrill Stadium, welcoming Martin Rennie, his assistant Kenny Miller, the players, officials and directors of Falkirk FC, as our first foots of the New Year, both clubs will be looking for a stronger 2nd half of the season being disappointed with results recently, the clubs last played in a League fixture at The Indodrill Stadium, earlier this season "The Wasps"

winning 2-1 thanks to goals from Euan Henderson and Conor Sammon, while in November they drew 1-1 at Falkirk, with Euan Henderson again being on target for "The Wasps". Today due to new covid restrictions allowing only a maximum of 500 spectators it somewhat will take away the local derby atmosphere at the match, however the most important thing is to stay safe.

Birthday wishes go to Scott Taggart who celebrated his 30th birthday on Monday 27th December, 2021. Scott has now made 229 appearances for "The Wasps" since signing from Dumbarton in May, 2016. Alloa Athletic's reward for reaching the Scottish Cup 4th Round is a home tie against Celtic in the New Year, a side we have not faced in the Scottish Cup since

4th September, 1996. This tie will be eagerly awaited but for now we need to concentrate on gaining more valuable league points. Our Scottish Cup 4th Round tie on the 22nd January will be shown live on PREMIER SPORTS. Kick-off will be at 5:30PM. Congratulations to Fernandy Mendy for receiving a call up to the Guinea-Bissau international team. They play in Group D of the

African Cup of Nations against Egypt, Nigeria and Sudan. Best of luck Nando!

Wasps 2000 Draw - Week 51 25th December, 2021

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£ 25 0197 I.McGrouther

£ 25 0639 F.McKenzie

£ 250 0726 S.Mitchell

The next Scottish Football Programme

& Memorabilia Fairs@ Footballfairs, which was due to be held on Saturday 15th January, 2022 at the Holiday Inn, West Nile Street, Glasgow, has had to be cancelled due to new covid restrictions, it is hoped the date can be rescheduled later in the year.

Congratulations to two of our youngsters, John Binnie and Gavin Hamilton, who successfully trialed for the Scottish Schools FA. The duo has been selected in the squad that will represent

the Scottish Schools FA in this year's Centenary Shield Competition. Both players featured in friendly match v. Stirling Albion played on Monday 20th December, 2021 at Toryglen, Glasgow.

Scotland's draw and fixtures for the forthcoming Nations League was recently made grouping us with Armenia, Ukraine and the Republic of Ireland. The fixtures will be:-

Saturday 4th June, 2022 Scotland v. Armenia

Kick-Off 2pm

Tuesday 7th June, 2022 Scotland v. Ukraine Kick-Off 7.45pm

Saturday 11th June, 2022 Rep Ireland v. Scotland Kick-Off 5pm

Tuesday 14th June, 2022 Armenia v. Scotland Kick-Off 5pm

Friday 23rd Sept, 2022 Scotland v. Rep Ireland Kick-Off 7.45pm

Monday 26th Sept, 2022 Ukraine v. Scotland Kick-Off 7.45pm



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 3:00pm KO

**AIRDRIEONIANS**

**3:1**

**ALLOA ATHLETIC**



(2:0)

SCORERS

Smith	2'	1:0
Gallagher	7'	2:0
McInroy	60'	3:0
		3:1 64' Henderson



**STARTING XI**

- 1** CURRIE
- 2** MCINROY
- 6** FORDYCE
- 7** MCCABE
- 8** AGNEW
- 9** GALLAGHER
- 10** EASTON
- 11** SMITH
- 16** WATSON
- 21** FRIZZELL
- 24** MCGILL

**SUBS**

- 18** CANTLEY
- 5** LYONS
- 12** RITCHIE
- 14** ALLAN
- 15** MCDONALD
- 19** WALKER
- 20** CAVES

**SUBS**

- 21** BURT
- 4** HOWIE
- 16** KING
- 17** ARMSTRONG
- 18** SAMMON
- 23** MENDY
- 25** LEIGHTON

**STARTING XI**

- 31** HUTTON
- 2** TAGGART
- 5** GRAHAM
- 6** DURNAN
- 3** CHURCH
- 15** GILMOUR
- 8** ROBERTSON
- 19** NIANG
- 7** CAWLEY
- 20** O'DONNELL
- 22** HENDERSON

**REFEREE:** Euan Anderson

26th December 2021  
The Falkirk Stadium, Falkirk  
3:00pm KO

**FALKIRK**

**1:2**

**CLYDE**



**(0:0)**

SCORERS

Keena **50'** **1:0**

**1:1** **61'** Love

**1:2** **75'** Splaine



**STARTING XI**

**12** MARTIN

**4** HALL

**22** MCKAY

**25** LEMON

**7** MORRISON

**10** NESBITT

**6** MILLER

**21** TELFER

**11** MCGUFFIE

**17** KEENA

**16** ROSS

**SUBS**

**13** HOLT

**15** MCCANN

**18** OMPREON

**23** WEEKES

**24** WILLIAMSON

**28** ARMSTRONG

**SUBS**

**6** BALATONI

**7** DEVENEY

**14** NICOLL

**STARTING XI**

**1** PARRY

**20** PAGE

**5** RUMSBY

**26** ELDSON

**12** DOCHERTY

**4** GOMIS

**3** LIVINGSTONE

**10** CUNNINGHAM

**16** SPLAINE

**17** JONES

**11** LOVE

**REFEREE:** Alan Newlands

# CHILD PROTECTION AND WELLBEING POLICY

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We recognise -

- the welfare of the child (up to the age of 18) is paramount.
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- working in partnership with children and their families is essential in promoting and embedding this policy

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- provide staff and volunteers with appropriate training to recognise, identify and respond to safeguarding concerns relating to children and vulnerable adults
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## THE RETURNING LOANEES

Alloa's dramatic win at Queen's Park back in October had a number of storylines, most notably the two goals scored by Euan Henderson in the 90th and 92nd minutes to turn what appeared to be an agonising defeat into a euphoric victory. One factor which, perhaps understandably, went under the radar, was the return of goalkeeper Kieran Wright for his second spell on loan at Alloa. In doing so,

Rangers youngster Wright became just the 11th borrowed player to have multiple loan spells with the Wasps in the past quarter of a century. Whilst beaten on three occasions, Wright also pulled off a couple of spectacular saves at Firhill, with one second half stop when his strong arm repelled the ball despite the shot appearing to be beyond him and net-bound being particularly impressive.

It is unusual for a loan player to have more than a single spell on loan at a single club, as moves are after-all only temporary and typically you'd hope the player is ready for first team action back at their parent club after a loan spell. Where the player does require another spell further developing out on loan, it is standard practice to move the player up a level or two rather than return to the same club, in

order to gain a breadth of experience and a gradual rise towards the same level as the parent club. For instance, Stevie May's loan trajectory a decade ago was a textbook example; from Third Division Alloa to First Division Hamilton, before starring for parent club St Johnstone in the Premiership. There are of-course exceptions to the rules, such as former Scotland cap Paul Gallagher who had three seasons on loan



at Preston, after signing a long-term contract at Leicester but soon being deemed surplus to requirements and hence being loaned out. There are also sometimes particular circumstances which necessitate loans, such as the 7-day emergency loan to cover for a goal-keeping crisis which facilitated Wright's recent return to the Recs.

Therefore Alloa having players on loans across two spells is uncommon, with Wright joining a select band of players to have done so. The most recent other example is Lee Connelly, with the extenuating circumstances of Covid-19 curtailing his first spell being a strong contributory factor in securing a second loan last season. The promise shown in Connelly's first spell, in particular his goalscoring performance the last match before the shutdown versus Inverness, meant manager Peter Grant was excited to secure his return. However, Connelly didn't hit the heights during his second spell, never really grabbing his opportunities fully, despite showing flashes of his undoubted talent. A stunning strike in the March victory at Queen of the South was a highlight, which must have caught the eye of home manager Allan Johnston, who snapped Connelly up after his re-

lease from Sunderland. Happily Connelly appears to be grasping his chance at Palmerston, being a regular starter and scoring six goals in seven games during a purple patch between September and October.

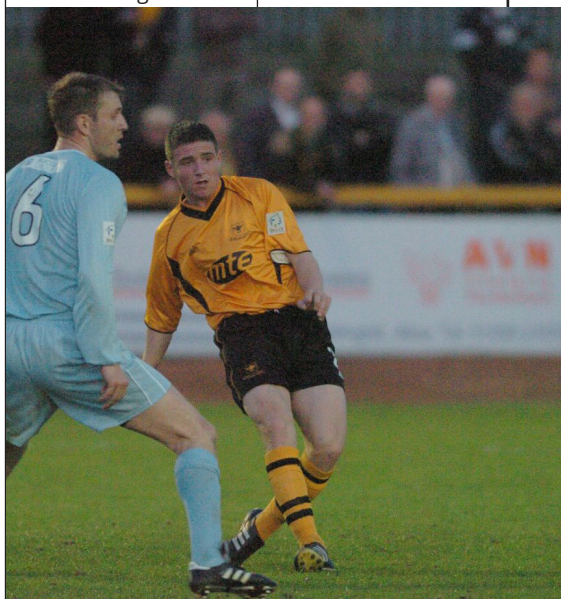
Prior to that you need to go back over a decade to Allan Maitland's tenure at the club to locate more two-spell loanees. James Bloom was a young Welsh left-back Alloa borrowed from Falkirk during both the 2009/10 and 2010/11 seasons. His first spell was solely a one-month deal, which was successful for both player and club, as the Wasps won four and drew the other of the five games during that month as Alloa pushed for promotion. Those good memories meant most Alloa supporters were happy to see Bloom return a year later. However, the circumstances around the club upon Bloom's return were altogether different, with the Wasps in free-fall towards relegation. Bloom was in and out of the side during his second spell during a difficult time for the club. As a sidenote Bloom soon returned home and has played for a number of years in the League of Wales, whilst also being a social inclusion coach for the Cardiff City FC foundation.

Goalkeeper Thomas Flynn was another who was on loan during

those same seasons as Bloom. During the Hibernian loanee's first spell he sat on the bench on sixteen occasions from February onwards without being needed. Flynn returned weeks into the 2010/11 season after an injury to Jamie Ewings. On this occasion Flynn did make what become his one and only appearance for the Wasps, after replacing the red-carded Stephen Robertson in the 16th minute of a home league cup tie against Aberdeen. Flynn's first task was to pick the ball out of the net, with future Alloa manager Paul Hartley opening the scoring via the penalty spot and memorably celebrating by amusingly shooshing the Alloa fans behind the Clackmannan Road goal. Flynn didn't enjoy the best of nights with

him being at fault for another of the Dons goals in an eventual 3-0 defeat. That proved his only taste of competitive action for the Wasps. Flynn went onto play for a number of years with Cowdenbeath and was most recently playing in the Northern League close to his Newcastle birthplace.

The other two Allan Maitland era two-spell loanees were borrowed from Hamilton Accies, where Maitland had previously been manager and is now of course chairman of the club. Upon Maitland's arrival at the Recs in 2006 he performed major surgery on the team which was cut adrift at the bottom of the Second Division table. Two of those signings were teenagers Tony Stevenson and Paul McLeod on loan.



Both played their part in Alloa's eventual great escape from relegation, most memorably scoring in the glorious play-off final first leg 4-0 rout of Berwick. In particular, the composure of 17-year-old Stevenson opening the scoring from the penalty spot, seemingly without an iota of fear (despite the highly pressurised situation) was extraordinary. Both players' second loan spells were far less successful. McLeod rejoined 18 months after that play-off glory, but was hooked just after the hour mark in a 1-0 defeat at Queen's Park in December 2007 and wasn't seen again. As an aside, a young Alan Trouten scored two minutes from time for the Spiders that day, avenging Raymond Jellemma saving Trouts' first half penalty! Stevenson meanwhile rejoined the Wasps 4 years after his first spell, having fallen

out of favour at Accies. Injury problems and an evident lack of fitness meant Stevenson wasn't able to do himself justice back at Alloa, despite never being on the losing side during his five starts during that spell.

Going back further in time Ross County youngsters Michael Bolochowecykj and Chris Townsley both enjoyed multiple loan spells at the club before joining permanently and becoming key players for the Wasps. Bolo was the first to join, during the second half of the 2003/4 season and benefited from playing alongside the vastly experienced Craig Valentine and Jamie McGowan. The following season Bolo re-joined on a season-long loan and played alongside his footballing brother Townsley. Both Edinburgh-based youngsters performed well for

the club, shouldering responsibility as part of Tom Hendrie's very youthful Alloa defence. At the end of the 2004/5 season both players returned to County, with Bolo expecting to be part of John Robertson's new-look Staggies team the following season. However, Robertson hadn't seen Bolo play and allowed him back out on loan to Alloa, reuniting him with Townsley who had already signed another season-long loan deal with the Wasps. Come mid-August both players were surprisingly released by cost-cutting County, enabling Tom Hendrie to sign both players permanently and the rest was history!

Around the turn of the millennium the Wasps were fortunate to secure the loan signings of Colin Nish and Derek Soutar, as the Wasps yo-yoed between the Second and First Divisions. Nish helped Alloa to promotion in the later months of the glorious 1999/2000 season, forming a potent partnership with Martin Cameron, learning from the helpful advice of Willie Irvine and keeping veteran international striker Andy Walker out of the team. The step up in division no doubt played a part in Dunfermline allowing Nish to return to the Recs, with manager Terry Christie delighted to welcome the striker back as Alloa

struggled after the sale of Cameron to Bristol Rovers. Nish's three-month loan deal saw him lead the line well for the Wasps and Christie was keen to extend the deal, but Pars boss Jimmy Calderwood vetoed that and Nish returned to fight for his place with the Pars. The following season Derek Soutar was Alloa's last line of defence in winning promotion back to the First Division. Soutar was highly rated by Dundee and performed excellently for Alloa, whilst also playing for Scotland U21's. The Wasps failed to replace Soutar the following season, with neither Myles Hogarth (signed from today's opponents Falkirk) or James Evans convincing in the Alloa goal, meaning Soutar's loan return in the second half of the 2002/3 season was welcomed and contributed to Alloa's upturn in form (as did the loan signing of a young Robert Sloan at the other end of the pitch).

Finally, there was something of a loan saga during the 1999/2000 season, as Ian Little had two short loan spells before joining the Wasps permanently. 'Yano' was deemed surplus to requirements at full-time big-spenders Livingston, with the lure of playing under former manager Terry Christie sealing the deal for Little's temporary switch to Alloa. After scoring on



his debut and proving a fine addition to the side Little went back to Livi, only to return to Alloa shortly afterwards and played in the Challenge Cup Final victory during his second loan spell. Once that second spell expired Little had a choice of running down his contract at Livingston, moving north to join Ross County, or going part-time with Alloa. Thankfully for the Wasps Little chose to return to the Recs, where he gave tremendous service until 2004.

Expanding on the topic of loan signings a bit more widely to conclude, the turn of the year marks the much anticipated re-opening of the transfer window. Clubs across the country will be as eager as Father Christmas is

before he sets out on his around the world trip on Christmas Eve to either add some stardust to their squad, or retain the services of loan stars from the first half of the campaign.

In terms of new additions, that could either be to make signings to rejuvenate a struggling team, cover for injuries or even adding further strength to cement a promotion push. Whatever the context, the loan market will undoubtedly play a key part for many clubs in the month ahead. Alloa are no exception, with January being a happy hunting ground for the Wasps in recent seasons. Innes Cameron, Jamie McCart and Liam Lindsay were all particularly successful January captures for Alloa in the

past decade.

Just as important in recent seasons has been seeking to keep hold of any loan stars who could be recalled by their parent clubs during January, with nervous waits for many clubs in this regard and the paramount need to have a back-up plan should a player exit. Sometimes it isn't possible to keep hold of a loanee (e.g. Jake Hastie, who exploded on the scene at Motherwell after a successful loan spell with Alloa in 2018), while on other occasions sweet-talk from the manager is required (e.g. Jim Goodwin thankfully persuading Dario Zanatta to stay with Alloa when he had loan options elsewhere having won the Championship Player of the Month award in December

2018). This season both Euan Henderson and Charlie Gilmour's loans are due to expire this month, so Barry Ferguson will probably be preparing to have positive discussions with Robbie Neilson and Callum Davidson to hopefully keep the pair at the Recs. In addition, Partick Thistle also have an option to recall Mouhamed Niang from his season-long loan during January should they wish to, so the manager may reject all calls from Ian McCall! It remains to be seen what the manager has up his sleeve in terms of new loan additions, with it promising to be another busy transfer window for the Wasps. Perhaps even the return of a former Alloa loanee could even be on the cards?



PLAYER (PARENT CLUB)	First loan		Second loan	
	Season	Record	Season	Record
<b>Ian Little (Livingston)</b>	1999/00	6 (0) 2	1999/00	9 (0) 2
<b>Colin Nish (Dunfermline)</b>	1999/00	9 (4) 5	2000/1	10 (0) 3
<b>Derek Soutar (Dundee)</b>	2001/2	41 / 13 CS	2002/3	13 / 3 CS
<b>Michael Bolochowecyj (Ross County)</b>	2003/4	20 (0) 1	2004/5 2005/6	42 (0) 7 5(1) 1
<b>Chris Townsley (Ross Co)</b>	2004/5	42 (1) 3	2005/6	6 (0) 0
<b>Paul McLeod (Hamilton)</b>	2005/6	12 (4) 2	2007/8	1 (0) 0
<b>Tony Stevenson (Hamilton)</b>	2005/6	15 (1) 1	2009/10	5 (1) 0
<b>Thomas Flynn (Hibs)</b>	2009/10	16 US	2010/1	0 (1) & 4 US
<b>James Bloom (Falkirk)</b>	2009/10	5(0) 0	2010/1	10 (1) 0
<b>Lee Connelly (Sunderland)</b>	2019/20	1 (4) 1	2020/1	9 (8) 1
<b>Kieran Wright (Rangers)</b>	2019/20	4 / 1 CS	2021/2	1 game

US = unused substitute

CS = clean sheet



DONALD POLLOCK

	Pld.	Wn.	Lot.	Dir.	For	Ag.	Pts.
Alloa ... ..	21	15	2	4	48	20	34
Cowdenbeath ... ..	21	13	4	4	36	14	30
Vale of Leven .....	21	11	5	5	33	20	27
Broxburn United...	21	11	6	4	29	21	26
Armadale .....	20	10	5	5	29	18	25
East Fife ... ..	21	11	7	3	36	25	25
Bathgate ... ..	21	9	6	6	33	23	24
St Bernards ... ..	21	9	8	4	24	26	22
Stenhousemuir ...	21	6	8	7	20	27	19
E. Stirlingshire ...	21	6	8	7	22	32	19

# CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 1921-22

The park at the Recs was bone hard but a warm glow emanated from the home support in a bumper 5000 crowd. It was a Happy New Year indeed for the Wasps faithful 100 years ago with a heady cocktail of festive spirit and a winning run for their table topping team. And what better way to mark the new year than a derby against old foes Clackmannan? Alloa had bounced back from an early December defeat against title rivals Armadale with a 4-0 win over Dundee Hibs at

Tannadice. Next up was the visit of East Stirlingshire to the Recs, with the Falkirk Herald letting slip in the build up that Armadale believed the Shire were well placed to dent Alloa's challenge. Misplaced optimism on the behalf of the West Lothian men as it turned out, Willie Crilley responding to two goalless games by rattling in a fifteen minute first-half hat-trick in a 3-1 win.

The Wasps were back on the road on Christmas Eve with a

trip to Arbroath. It was just a month since they had squeezed past the Lichties at the Recs and there was another hard fought game on a greasy Gayfield surface. Veteran former Scotland and Rangers defender George Law had returned home to finish his career with Arbroath and his experience was crucial in keeping Crilley quiet. Indeed, the Sunday Post reported that Law and Alloa's own veteran ex-internationalist, Bobby Orrcock, were the outstanding players on the field. A draw would

have been fair added the Post, but once again Alloa found a way to win, McLean on target just before half-time to secure the perfect Christmas present for the Wasps.

Another away game would mark the end of a momentous year for Alloa, a year in which they had excelled in the Scottish Cup, been elected to the Scottish League, then raced to the top of the new Second Division. And fittingly, Alloa ended the year in style at John-



space in the centre of the crowd as "The Cross" and hooch and yell with delight as they danced.... the crowd would be hushed, the music silent, as everyone waited for the ring of the 'bells' from St. John's Church announcing the dawn of a New Year, with everyone singing a 'Guid New Year', shaking hands, kissing, then groups of young people setting off to 'First Foot'. The Wasps faithful would be hoping that 1922 would be just as successful as the previous 12 months, but things weren't quite as bright for their first footing neighbours Clackmannan as they arrived at the Recs on January 2nd. The County Lads were finding their first season in the Scottish League much more difficult and would begin the new year at the bottom of the table. But history had shown that Clackmannan were often tricky opponents for Alloa regardless of form, with some notable cup upsets over the previous decade. It cer-

tainly didn't look like top against bottom in the Wee County derby with a goalless first half ending with the County Lads on top. Clackmannan started the second-half well too and Orrock and co had to be at their best to keep Alloa level. The Wasps settled and after a brace of corners McLean was on hand to stab the ball home. Shortly after Crilley got his first of 1922 and Alloa were safe, although the press reported that "the visitors rallied and played a hard and spirited game right to the end". It finished 2-0 Alloa, Clackmannan making the short trip home beaten but not disgraced and the Wasps now on five wins in a row. There no was rest in sight though, for having seen off Clackmannan on Monday 2nd the Wasps were now off to face Bathgate the next day before welcoming St. Johnstone on Saturday. More in the next edition of The Wasp.

stone. Who else but Crilley put them ahead following fine work by Stirling. Johnstone quickly equalised but goals from Quinn and Crilley again had the Wasps 3-1 in front at the break. Dunn made sure of the points in the second half before Crilley completed yet another hat-trick. A late Johnstone goal was just a minor irritant as the Wasps finished 1921 top of the league with a 5-2 win. Incredibly, Willie Crilley had lashed home 32 goals in all competitions in the first half of the season.

fine Hogmanay cheer, and there had been an unlikely treat for those fans who preferred to stay local too, famous English side Corinthians making an appearance at the Recs on the same day as part of their annual Christmas Tour, the English amateurs drawing 2-2 with a Scottish Amateur Select.

A fine day of football was rounded off with the traditional new year at Alloa Cross. In his book Alloa in the 1920's, W.Scott recalled that "As the hour of midnight approached, a kilted piper would start playing a Scottish Reel on his bagpipes. That was the signal for a foursome reel to make

Little wonder the Alloa support making their way home from Johnstone were in

Dunfermline	Ath.	20	8	10	2	32	27	18
St Johnstone	.....	21	8	11	2	25	35	18
Johnstone	... ..	21	5	8	8	23	36	18
Arbroath	... ..	20	6	9	5	22	24	17
Lochgelly United	...	21	7	11	3	28	35	17
Dundee Hibs	... ..	21	6	10	5	31	36	17
Bo'ness	... ..	21	5	11	5	25	33	15
King's Park	... ..	20	4	9	7	17	36	15
Forfar Athletic	... ..	21	4	10	7	25	38	15
Clackmannan	... ..	21	6	12	3	22	39	15

# APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		ALLOA CAREER LGE	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
HUTTON	GOAL	18 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	22 (0)	0	18 (0)	0
BURT	GOAL	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0
ARMSTRONG	DEF	1 (0)	0	2 (2)	0	3 (2)	0	5 (4)	0
MENDY	DEF	14 (2)	0	2 (0)	0	16 (2)	0	14 (2)	0
LEIGHTON	DEF	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	125 (23)	2
ARMSTRONG	DEF	1 (0)	0	2 (2)	0	3 (2)	0	5 (4)	0
DURNAN	DEF	17 (0)	2	1 (0)	0	18 (0)	2	17 (0)	2
CHURCH	DEF	7 (2)	0	6 (0)	0	13 (2)	0	7 (2)	0
HOWIE	DEF	8 (3)	1	4 (2)	0	12 (5)	1	8 (3)	1
GRAHAM	DEF	8 (1)	0	6 (0)	0	14 (1)	0	161 (1)	12
TAGGART	DEF	18 (0)	0	5 (1)	1	23 (1)	1	182 (0)	6
WILLIAMSON	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
ROBERTSON	MID	13 (3)	0	6 (0)	0	19 (3)	0	138 (26)	2
SCOUGALL	MID	16 (0)	1	6 (1)	1	22 (1)	2	24 (8)	2
LAMONT	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
KING	MID	10 (0)	1	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
O'DONNELL	MID	1 (6)	0	4 (0)	0	5 (6)	0	6 (10)	0
NIANG*	MID	15 (0)	1	3 (0)	3	18 (0)	4	15 (0)	1
GILMOUR*	MID	11 (0)	1	0 (0)	0	11 (0)	1	11 (0)	1
MCCOLL	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0
CAWLEY	FWD	12 (4)	1	3 (0)	0	15 (4)	1	285 (41)	57
ARMOUR	FWD	0 (1)	0	1 (4)	0	1 (5)	0	0 (1)	0
TROUTEN	FWD	2 (3)	0	2 (1)	2	4 (4)	2	71 (9)	24
BOYD	FWD	17 (1)	5	6 (0)	1	23 (1)	6	17 (1)	5
SAMMON	FWD	7 (11)	4	4 (2)	0	11 (13)	4	7 (11)	4
EVANS**	FWD	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0
HENDERSON*	FWD	13 (1)	8	1 (0)	3	14 (1)	11	13 (1)	8
WEBSTER	FWD	0 (1)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0



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0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0		
4 (6)	1	9 (10)	1		
2 (0)	0	16 (2)	0		
38 (3)	2	163 (26)	4		
4 (6)	1	9 (10)	1		
1 (0)	0	18 (0)	2	CLELLAND SHAND	
6 (0)	0	13 (2)	0	VICTOR HERRIDGE	
4 (2)	0	12 (5)	1	WORLDWIDE WASPS	
45 (1)	1	206 (2)	13	JOYCE & THE PIE HUT	IAIN WRIGHT
46 (1)	2	228 (1)	8		
0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	BANNOCKBURN LTD, CANADA	
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0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	RUTH HUTTON	
0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	COMPASS ROOFING LTD	
6 (4)	1	12 (14)	1		
3 (0)	3	18 (0)	4		
0 (0)	0	11 (0)	1		
0 (1)	0	0 (1)	0		
61 (7)	10	346 (48)	67	AIMEE BURGESS	
1 (4)	0	1 (5)	0		
22 (4)	18	93 (13)	42	MCCALLUM ENGINEERING	
6 (0)	1	23 (1)	6	FOOTYSAB, JAPAN	
4 (2)	0	11 (13)	4	RGP ENGINEERING	WALLACE OVEN CLEANING
1 (2)	0	1 (3)	0		
1 (0)	3	14 (1)	11		
0 (0)	0	0 (1)	0		



**BRIAN ROACH**



## A FAN'S VIEW

Welcome back, and Happy New Year to all. As we look back on the previous 12 months, given the successes of the club over the past decade or so- 2021 was a relatively tough year to be an Alloa supporter. The pandemic, and subsequent absence of fans in stadiums led to a frustrating time- sitting at home watching streams as the club were relegated to League One in May. And fluctuating form in this campaign so far means there is work to be done to kick-start the clubs league challenge this season. As always though, there has been some memorable moments along the way. So I've picked out my two favourite Alloa matches of 2021- a game from last season and one from the current campaign.

### **QUEEN OF THE SOUTH 2 ALLOA 3- SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP 13TH MARCH**

This game was a classic blood and thunder thriller on the Palmerston astro. Alloa needed every point to survive. Defeat would leave them cut adrift at the foot of the table by 7 points. Queen of the South were flying high at this time in a march to the play-offs, but Alloa were their bogey team. Alloa had inflicted Queens only loss in their previous 11 games, a 2-1 home win. Liam Dick took unwell in the warm up, forcing manager Peter Grant to rejig his defence at the last minute. Eden Lynch was handed a rare start at right back, with Lucas Williamson drafted in at left back.

Alloa started strongly

seemed a bleak outcome was on the cards when on-loan Queens' striker Dapo Mebude shot home the opener from the hosts first attack on 10 minutes. Innes Cameron struck the crossbar for Alloa before combining with Innes Murray as Alloa broke forward. The on loan Hibs midfielder rifled home an equaliser with 20 minutes played. Despite a strong first half performance the Wasps were behind again ten minutes before the break. It was a soft goal to lose as Euan East ghosted into the box to head into the net. Queens smelled blood now. Connor Shields struck the post as they looked to add to their lead. But a minute from half time Alloa were level once more, with an outstanding long range effort from Lee Connelly (Lee is now of course a Queen of the

South player, and appears he has had a fine start to his career down there this season). But the action wasn't yet over in the half. Ayo Obileye went in rather rashly over the top on Ray Grant and the referee deemed it worthy of a straight red card.

This ended a truly brilliant half of football. Alloa dominated much of the possession and played some excellent stuff. But they were vulnerable at the back, which resulted in chances at both ends. You barely had a chance to draw breath. With Queens reduced to ten men, Alloa simply would never get a better opportunity to pick up a vital three points. Seven minutes into the second half, Alloa were handed a brilliant chance to edge in front after being awarded a penalty. A



rather harsh call, when the ball bounced awkwardly and glanced against the unchallenged Queens defenders arm. Captain Andy Graham stepped up, but it was a huge blow to see his penalty saved by keeper Ferguson. The second period wasn't as exciting, largely due to the red card. Queens sat a lot deeper and Alloa looked frustrated as they desperately tried to break the hosts down.

With 13 minutes left, substitute Liam Buchanan was allowed space to drive forward. He drove his shot low into the net to finally put Alloa in front. Queens hopes for a revival were firmly quashed on 85 minutes when they were reduced to 9 men. Rhys McCabe was involved in a needless exchange with Murray in front of the dugouts and lifted his elbow. The final highlight of the game provided an amusing moment, where captain Andy Graham rugby tackled Mebude to prevent a late Queens attack- possibly the most obvious yellow card I've seen in my years watching football. This game had everything, where Alloa showed great spirit to come from behind twice away from home and win the game.

### **QUEENS PARK 3 ALLOA 4- SCOTTISH LEAGUE ONE OCTOBER 24TH**

This match was an end to end rollercoaster. Much of the action occurred in the second half. Early goals, late goals, controversies. You name it- and its highly likely it happened in this Sunday afternoon fixture at Firhill. Alloa came into the game against undefeated Queens Park

having lost their previous 2 league matches to Peterhead and Cove Rangers, both at home. They were also bleeding a new goalkeeper, with Kieran Wright replacing the suspended David Hutton, sent off the previous week.

Alloa got off to the perfect start, when Kevin Cawley drifted off the Queens Park central defensive pairing with a deft touch and drove home after only 35 seconds. Then with just over 10 minutes gone, the first 2 controversial incidents occurred in rapid succession. A high Scot Taggart cross was clumsily cleared by the QP defence, and the ball rebounded from foot to arm for an Alloa penalty claim. In all honesty it would have probably been a bit harsh, but certainly fell into the "seen them given" category. Queens then broke up the pitch and Charlie Gilmour received a booking for scything down Liam Brown on the right flank. Following the recent cascade of early red cards for Alloa, this was a real heart in mouth moment. Again, the decision was probably correct, but only just. Brown continued to play but was eventually subbed at the break.

Cawley in particular drifting back and taking responsibility to dictate play. Scott Taggart was also exploiting space down the right flank regularly, looking extremely dangerous at times. But they did go into their shell a bit as the league leaders looked to get back into the game. It wasn't a huge surprise when Bob McHugh equalised before the break as the teams were level at the halfway point. But the best was still to come- you couldn't take your eyes off the match in the 2nd half

for fear of missing something. The hosts quickly got their noses in front, when Tommy Robson carved the Alloa defence open with a brilliant pass to McHugh who slotted home his second of the game. But almost immediately Alloa equalised. Craig Howie's backward header from a corner bringing the Wasps level. It was a terrific goal, Howie's first for the club. Queens Park then had a strong penalty shout when McHugh's shot appeared to strike Durnan's arm in the area. From the stand it looked a stick on award, and was certainly a let off for Alloa. Kieren Wright then made an excellent save from Charlie Fox, where the ball looked to have trickled beyond him- but he somehow managed to snatch the ball with his left hand to prevent a goal.

Both attacks looked really dangerous. Substitute Alan Trouten missed a glorious chance when he lifted over the bar from 10 yards. In the closing minutes, there was an old fashioned stramash in the Alloa area, Jon Robertson twice made goal saving clearances on the line before Simon Murray scrambled wide when it looked easier to score. There was another bizarre refereeing decision as Alloa's sub Euan Henderson was clean through on goal. He looked to be fouled by Fox as he steadied himself to pull the trigger just outside the area. It appeared to be a certain foul and a red card, but the referee waved play on. Another QP substitute Luca Connell then rattled the upright with a stunning free kick. At this stage, a share of the spoils looked a likely outcome, and one personally I'd have been satisfied with. But with 2

minutes to go Alloa were dealt a hammer blow when Longridge was through on the right. He turned past Wright and managed to cut the ball back, where Connell finally converted as a queue of Queens players waited in line to score. I hadn't noticed the 2nd half started late, and assumed the goal had occurred in stoppage time. I readied myself for an exit, absolutely gutted to lose so late on- and only stuck around at the exit after the announcer stated the goal time was 88 minutes. Thank goodness I did.

Alloa got the equaliser seconds later. Sloppy Queens defending admitted, but Henderson found space in the area to turn and shoot. Honours even once more. But deep into stoppage time Gilmour played a jaw dropping pass for the pacey Henderson to latch onto. He made no mistake with the finish. 2 injury time goals and crazy scenes in the away end as Alloa snatched victory from the jaws of defeat. This was also the Spiders first reverse of the season. A draw would have probably been fair, but it was a big 3 points for Alloa in a classic game.

Let's hope we can start the New Year with a much needed 3 points today. Visitors Falkirk are in a similar position in terms of struggling form, desperate for the points. Unfortunately, the crowd restrictions take away some of atmosphere we would have experienced with the bigger attendance. But I'd happily sacrifice that for a repeat of our performance against Falkirk earlier in the season. Happy New Year to all.



**ANDREW COCKBURN**



## **LOOKING BACK 3RD JANUARY 1989**

In The Premier Division, there was no positional change at the top, but leaders Rangers still extended their lead to three points, after they comfortably defeated local rivals Celtic 4-1 at Ibrox. Second-placed Dundee United shared two goals and the points with third-placed Aberdeen at Tannadice, Celtic remained in fourth spot, while fifth-placed Hibs hosted their struggling local rivals Hearts the following day. At the other end of the table, Hamilton Accies remained firmly ensconced in bottom

place, after a 0-2 home defeat v one of their companions-in-distress/local rivals Motherwell, while Hearts still occupied third-bottom position.

The leading positions in The First Division were also unaltered, as leaders Dunfermline triumphed 3-1 at local rivals Raith, to thus remain a point clear of today's visitors Falkirk, who retained second spot thanks to a 3-0 home win v lowly Meadowbank, thanks to goals from Ex Wasp Paul Rutherford, Alex Rae & Stuart Burgess

(pen). Third-placed Airdrie maintained their own promotion bid with a 4-2 win at hapless Queen Of The South, while the top-of-the-table clash between fourth-placed Clydebank and fifth-placed Morton ended all-square at 1-1. Queen of The South's defeat kept them firmly rooted to the foot of the table, & looking certain to take the drop, Partick, despite taking a point from a 0-0 home draw v near-neighbours Clyde remained one place above The Doonhamers, while Meadowbank

still occupied third-bottom spot.

Down in The Second, the day's top clash saw leaders Albion Rovers host second-placed Stranraer, and a 3-0 win for The Wee Rovers saw them move four points clear. Cowdenbeath's point from a 1-1 home draw v local rivals East Fife was enough to move them up into second spot in place of Stranraer, who slipped to third place, Queen's Park, 2-1 home winners v Dumbarton were now fourth, while Brechin, despite being held 1-1 at home by

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neighbouring Montrose, still moved up to fifth. There were goals galore at Recreation Park, where Alloa & Arbroath shared six goals and the points, Peter Lamont (2) & Billy Blackie were on target for The Wasps, who'd lined up as follows: Lowrie, Robertson (R. Lee), Haggart, Millen, McCulloch, Gibson, Blackie, Rodgers, Lytwyn, I. Lee, Lamont (Bateman). But in spite of this point, Alloa remained in ninth spot, while bottom club Berwick were gameless.

South of the border, just one game took place in The First Division, as the rest of the top flight's programme

had been played the previous day. This was at Anfield, where Liverpool defeated Aston Villa 1-0 at Anfield, to move up to fourth in the table, behind leaders Arsenal, Norwich & Millwall, while West Ham propped up the table, with Newcastle and Charlton immediately above them. The entire Second Division programme had taken place the previous day, and the two automatic promotion spots were occupied by WBA, who led the table on goal difference from Chelsea, then came Blackburn, Watford, Manchester City & Bournemouth in the play-off spots.

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# FALKIRK

*The Bairns*

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Falkirk

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Scottish Cup  
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Scottish League Cup  
Runners up 1947-48

Scottish Premiership  
Runners up\* 1907-8,  
1909-10

Scottish Championship\*  
Winners (7)  
Runners up(8)

Scottish League 1\*  
Winners 1979-80  
Runners-up 2019-20

This afternoon we welcome Falkirk FC to the Indodrill stadium for the first game of 2022. The last year for both clubs has been challenging with results placing them towards the bottom end of League 1. However, with the league so tight, it only takes a small run of form to climb up places. Falkirk currently sit one point and one position ahead of the Wasps in 7th. Last Saturday saw them fall to a 2-1 defeat at home to the hands of Clyde which piled more misery on the Bairns. They are without a win in five in all competitions, including the eye-catching 6-0 defeat to Queens

Park a few weeks back. Alloa are not in much better form themselves, failing to win in the last seven league outings. It's all to play for as they look to close that six or seven points gap in the play-off positions.

## THE BOSS - MARTIN RENNIE

Falkirk have a new man in the dugout since their last visit. Paul Sheerin departed at the start of December and was shortly replaced by boyhood Falkirk fan, Martin Rennie. The 46-year old replaced Sheerin after managing in Canada, South Korea and United States. Beginning his footballing

journey as a ball boy at Falkirk, he has gone on to gain success at his clubs around the globe. One of his most notable achievements was taking Vancouver Whitecaps from the bottom of the MLS to the play-offs, making them the first Canadian team to do so. Adding to that, he guided them to two cup successes. With over four hundred managerial games to his name and eight trophies, he brings something different to the league. Having added Kenny Miller to his coaching staff, the pair still seek their first win in charge with two defeats on the bounce.

## THE CAPTAIN - STEVIE HETHERINGTON

The Bairns will be led out by former Alloa hero, Stevie Hetherington. After spells in the English lower leagues, Hetherington signed on with Alloa back in 2014. During his seven years with the club he would go onto play his part in the cup heroics against Rangers, promotions and survival seasons. Known for his combative nature in the middle of





the park, Hetherington also got involved in the goals scoring most notably a fine corner kick or two during his time at the club. Since moving to Falkirk and returning to full-time football in the summer, it has been a tough transition with the team struggling to find form. He has yet to play under the new boss and hasn't started since the 6-0 defeat to Queens Park on December 4th.

**NEW BOY -  
MICHAEL RUTH**

One player in his first season at the club is on-loan Aberdeen striker, Michael Ruth. The 19-year old has spent time at Queens Park and last season on loan at Arbroath before signing on at Falkirk for a year

in the summer. Having failed to make his mark at Arbroath, Aberdeen wanted to bring him back as they made further squad changes. This season though, Ruth has stepped up and scored four goals in the league for the Bairns. Making his debut in the defeat to Alloa, his first goal would come two games later in a draw against Montrose. Despite missing out on the squad last week in the defeat to Clyde, Ruth has found the back of the net against East Fife, Clyde and Dumbarton.

**ONE TO WATCH -  
AIDAN KEENA**

The man up front, Aidan Keena, is one for the Alloa defence to keep a close eye on.

Having spent time at Hearts, Dunfermline and Queens Park, the Northern Irishman has always caught the eye. Alloa fans will need no reminder of the wonder strike he scored from the halfway line against Alloa under Jim Good-

win. The striker is on four goals for the season also, most recently scoring last Sunday against Clyde. Mainly making substitute appearances under Sheerin, under the new boss, he has played the full ninety minutes of both games as he looks to find some form and consistency.

**THE CONNECTION**

There are two familiar faces in the Alloa side for the visiting fans tuning in for today's game. Connor Sammon and Mark Durman both spent a few years at the club before making the switch over to the Indodrill in the summer. As the 'Previous Meetings' section will highlight, both had a big part to play in the last meeting between the sides here at the Indodrill.

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**BY KIEREN MOONEY**

A returning face for Alloa fans is the captain, Stevie Hetherington. The former fan favourite with the Wasps will lead out the visitors for his second game back at the Indodrill since leaving. His first game back didn't end in a happy return with a strong battle in the middle of the park with Sena ending in a defeat for his side.

### PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This is the third time the sides will meet this season. Alloa enjoyed the first fixture which was played back here at the Indodrill. Euan Henderson opened the scoring with his first Alloa goal in the first

half. It was the former Bairn, Connor Sammon, who doubled the lead in the second half and he was assisted by another ex-player, Mark Durnan. The return fixture at Falkirk looked like it would peter out to a routine 0-0 draw before it came to life in the final few minutes. After a dubious penalty was awarded on the eighty eighth minute, Callum Morrison opened the scoring on his return to the side. That lead would only last a matter of seconds though as a long ball from kick-off was flicked on by Connor Sammon and poked home by Euan Henderson to give Alloa a share of the spoils.



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## GOALKEEPERS

**Robbie Mutch**

20/08/1998



## DEFENDERS

**Ryan Williamson**

14/03/1996



**Paul Dixon**

22/11/1986



**Ben Hall**

16/01/1997



**Paddy Martin**

21/06/1999



**Leon McCann**

16/03/2000



**Brad McKay**

26/03/1993



**Cammy Williamson**

05/03/2003



**Luke Holt**

21/08/1998



**Mackenzie Lemon**

19/11/2002



## MANAGER

**Martin Rennie**



MIDFIELDERS

**Ernaldo KRASNIQI**  
25/02/2003



5

**Gary MILLER**  
15/04/1987



6

**Steven HETHERINGTON**  
09/03/1993



8

**Aidan NESBITT**  
05/02/1997



10

**Craig MCGUFFIE**  
15/12/1997



11

**Seb ROSS**  
20/01/2000



16

**Samuel OMPREON**  
09/11/2000



18

**Charlie TELFER**  
04/06/1995



21

**Ben WEEKES**  
27/05/2003



23

**Declan MCDAID**  
22/10/1995



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FORWARDS

**Callumn MORRISON**  
05/07/1999



7

**Michael RUTH**  
08/01/2002




9

**Jaime WILSON**  
13/12/1997



14

**Aidan KEENA**  
25/04/1999



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# HT QUIZ

1. WHICH FALKIRK PLAYER WAS SENT OFF HERE IN A MATCH AGAINST ALLOA IN MARCH 2014, THEN LATER WENT ON TO PLAY FOR THE WASPS?
2. WHICH NATION IS THE SMALLEST IN TERMS OF POPULATION TO HAVE EVER PLAYED IN THE WORLD CUP?
3. WHICH FORMER ALLOA PLAYER TURNED OUT AT THE EMIRATES STADIUM AGAINST ARSENAL IN DECEMBER?
4. WHO AM I? I WAS BORN IN A COUNTRY THAT NO LONGER EXISTS IN 1968. I WAS THE TOP SCORER AT A 90S WORLD CUP. I PLAYED FOR 2 LONDON CLUBS IN MY CAREER. I SCORED 114 GOALS IN LA LIGA

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MIDFIELDERS										
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FORWARDS				
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## QUIZ ANSWERS

- PHIL ROBERTS
- ICELAND (334,000 POPULATION)
- ROSS STEWART
- DAVOR SUKER





# ALLOA ATHLETIC



# FALKIRK

#	POS			
	21	KEIR BURT		
	31	DAVID HUTTON		
	2	SCOTT TAGGART		
	3	DANIEL CHURCH		
	4	CRAIG HOWIE		
	5	ANDY GRAHAM		
	6	MARK DURMAN		
	7	KEVIN CAWLEY		
	8	JON ROBERTSON		
	9	BEN ARMOUR		
	10	ALAN TROUTEN		
	11	STEVEN BOYD		
	12	STEFAN SCOUGALL		
	14	MARK LAMONT		
	15	CHARLIE GILMOUR		
	16	ADAM KING		
	17	JORDAN ARMSTRONG		
	18	CONOR SAMMON		
	19	MOHAMMED NIANG		
	20	CAMERON O'DONNELL		
	22	EUAN HENDERSON		
	23	FERNANDY MENDY		
	24	LUCAS WILLIAMSON		
	25	TOM LEIGHTON		

**MANAGER** BARRY FERGUSON

#	POS			
	1	ROBBIE MUTCH		
	2	RYAN WILLIAMSON		
	3	PAUL DIXON		
	4	BEN HALL		
	5	ERNALDO KRASNIQI		
	6	GARY MILLER		
	7	CALLUM MORRISON		
	8	STEVEN HETHERINGTON		
	9	MICHAEL RUTH		
	10	AIDAN NESBITT		
	11	CRAIG MCGUFFIE		
	12	PADDY MARTIN		
	13	LUKE HOLT		
	15	LEON MCCANN		
	16	SEB ROSS		
	17	AIDAN KEENA		
	18	SAMUEL OMPREON		
	21	CHARLIE TELFER		
	22	BRAD MCKAY		
	23	BEN WEEKES		
	24	CAMMY WILLIAMSON		
	25	MACKENZIE LEMON		
	26	DECLAN MCDAID		
	28	JOHNNY ARMSTRONG		

**MANAGER** MARTIN RENNIE

**REFEREE:** David Dickinson

**ASST:** Steven Traynor & Andrew McWilliam


## ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

08.01.22, AWAY, 15:00

**MONTROSE** **ALLOA ATHLETIC**

15.01.22, HOME, 15:00

**ALLOA ATHLETIC** **QUEEN'S PARK**

22.01.22, HOME, 17:30

**ALLOA ATHLETIC** **CELTIC**

29.01.22, AWAY, 15:00

**CLYDE** **ALLOA ATHLETIC**

05.01.22, AWAY, 15:00

**PETERHEAD** **ALLOA ATHLETIC**

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