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RUNNERS UP

1938/39

SCOTTISH LEAGUE 1 RUNNERS UP

1976/77 1981/82

1984/85 1988/89 1999/00

2001/02 2009/10 2012/13

2016/17

SCOTTISH LEAGUE 2 WINNERS

1997/1998 2011/2012

CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

1999/2000

RUNNERS-UP

2001/02 2014/15

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

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	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
 KELTY HEARTS	9	4	3	2	17	8	9	15
 STENHOUSEMUIR	9	4	2	3	13	11	2	14
 ALLOA ATHLETIC	9	3	5	1	10	9	1	14
 QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	9	4	2	3	9	9	0	14
 MONTROSE	9	3	4	2	9	6	3	13
 ARBROATH	9	3	3	3	11	11	0	12
 COVE RANGERS	9	3	2	4	14	15	-1	11
 ANNAN ATHLETIC	9	3	1	5	7	15	-8	10
 INVERNESS	9	1	6	2	6	7	-1	9
 DUMBERTON	9	0	6	3	11	16	-5	6

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES



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 ALLOA ATHLETIC	 ARBROATH
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 ANNAN ATHLETIC	 QUEEN'S PARK
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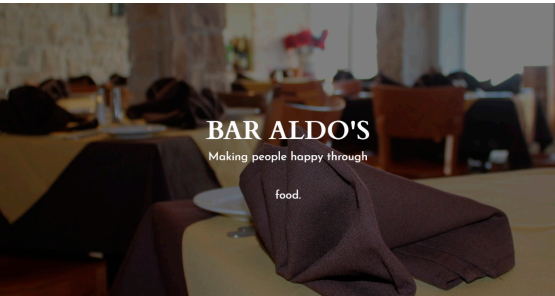
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Scott TAGGART

27/12/1991

183 CM 75 KG



2

Calum WATERS

10/03/1996



3

Morgyn NEILL

10/03/1996



6

Neil PARRY

08/11/1985



21

Andy GRAHAM

22/09/1983

188 CM 85 KG



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David MCKAY

17/06/1998



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Kane THOMSON

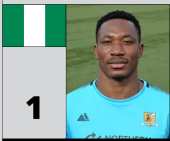
12/09/2004



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Tochukwu OGAYI

10/10/1996



1

David DEVINE

20/06/2001



23

MANAGER

ANDY GRAHAM



MIDFIELDERS

Steven HETHERINGTON

09/03/1993



Kevin CAWLEY

17/03/1989



Kurtis ROBERTS

06/09/1994



Luke DONNELLY

20/01/1996



Conor SAMMON

06/11/1986



Scott HONEYMAN

19/11/2005



Shay NEVANS

23/05/2006



Stefan SCOUGALL

07/12/1992



Steven BUCHANAN

26/03/2003



Luke RANKIN

27/11/2004



Miko VIRTANEN

29/01/1999



Cameron O'DONNELL

29/09/2001



Reece MULLEN

26/03/2006



Tyrece MCDONNELL

26/01/2006



FORWARDS





THE GAFFER'S THOUGHTS

A warm welcome to David Gold and an Alloa favorite, Colin Hamilton. Since stepping into their roles, they have had an excellent run of results, and I wish them all the best in their new positions.

Saturday's performance and result were disappointing for us all, but one of the great things about football is the immediate opportunity to make things right.

I'm hoping for a positive reaction tonight, and one thing this group of players deserves great credit for is how they respond under pressure.

After a great performance and result against Partick in the last round, I hope we can achieve a similar outcome tonight.

Enjoy the game.
Andy

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LEWIS RUSSELL



NEWSDESK

Alloa suffered a **FIRST LEAGUE DEFEAT OF THE SEASON** to miss out on going a full round of fixtures unbeaten. Cove Rangers came our 2-0 winners after Conor Scully marked his club record 67th consecutive start with a curling effort into the bottom corner and Fraser Fyvie peeled away on the six yard box to head home. To make matters worse Alloa were soon down to 10 men as a rash challenge from Luke Donnelly saw him pick up the first red card of his career after 36 minutes. Cove limited any Alloa chances with Scougall's second half header a rare shot on goal - however cleared off the line by Will Gillingham to consign the Wasps to a meek defeat.

TV PICKS Adding to next week-

end's 5:30 kick-off at Ochilview live on BBC Alba - Alloa have again been picked for television coverage with the trip to Dumfries to face Queen of the South on November 9th. The match will also now kick-off at 5:30.

STIRLINGSHIRE CUP - Alloa are due to play East Stirlingshire in the Stirlingshire Cup. It's currently pencilled in for Tuesday 15th October. Details are still being ironed out after the venue has been changed to the Indodrill Stadium and then the original date postponed but the confirmed details will be on the website and social media when they are available.

ALLOA ATHLETIC WOMEN have secured a massive sponsor for the front of their shirts with

Affinity Sterling Mills Outlet, Tillinlough, agreeing to be the front of shirt sponsor for the 2024-25 season.

FOOTBALL MEMORIES will recommence at Indodrill Stadium, Alloa on Monday 14th Oct, 2024 11.30 - 1.00pm, open to all, family and friends, carers, as we look back and reminisce from the past and looking forward.

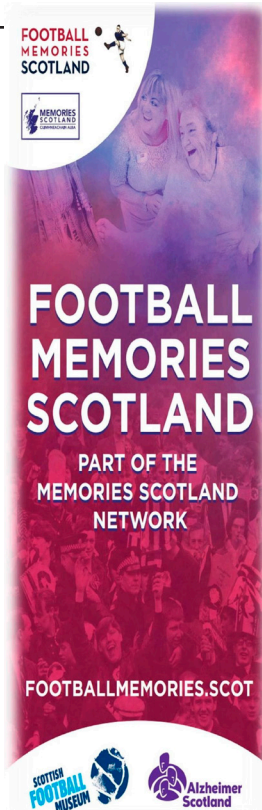
ALLOA ATHLETIC FOOTBALL MEMORABILIA

The museum is full of Alloa Athletic programmes going back to the 1940s as well as programmes from internationals, cup finals, testimonials, European games etc.

A selection of books is on display, including Scottish Football Annuals and numerous biographies. Memorabilia

including signed football strips, original worn football strips, tracksuits, jackets, scarfs, club ties, pennants, framed match programmes, Alloa Athletic team pictures, flags, etc is also housed at this museum. Enjoy browsing a selection of football magazines or view games on videos and DVDs in comfort. Admission is free, although donations are welcome. Location - Glasstown House, Castle Street, Alloa, FK10 1EU Opening hours Currently open Friday and Saturday mornings 11 am - 2pm.

For groups or arranged visits, contact Alloa Athletic FC Historian John Glencross by emailing jgxalfoafc@aol.com or by calling 07877 530314. Football Memory Groups welcome.



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Monday 14th
October 2024

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JONATHAN MARKWELL



PENALTIES LOOM?

The Wasps take a break from league business this evening with Friday night cup football making a welcome return to the Recs. The rules of the competition this season are that in the event of a draw after 90 minutes, matches will be decided by a penalty shoot-out, without 30 minutes of extra-time first being played. As such, bearing in mind the stalemate played out between the sides at Gayfield Park at the end of August, there's a reasonable chance that the game could be decided by penalties tonight. If that eventuality does come to pass, what is

Alloa's record in shoot-outs?

My research has established that in national competitions (so excluding the Stirlingshire Cup, sorry!) Alloa have been involved in 23 separate shoot-outs in the past forty years, winning eleven and losing twelve. As such, the simple conclusion from that is that anything could happen, with the Wasps overall record suggesting that penalties are a 50/50 shoot-out! Beyond those headline figures, if you delve a little deeper, there are plenty of interesting stories to reveal though. For example, the Wasps have been victorious in each of

the past three shoot-outs, most recently on the opening day of the current season, with all five penalties being confidently scored to earn Alloa a bonus point win versus Dick Campbell's East Fife.

Moreover, arguably one of the finest moments in the club's 146 year history came via a penalty shoot-out, as Alloa lifted the 1999 Challenge Cup after an amazing 4-4 draw versus Inverness. Wasps keeper Mark Cairns took the plaudits, thumping home his sudden-death kick despite his manager Terry Christie coming onto the pitch to try and

stop him taking the kick! The Duffle-coated one should not have worried, with Cairns' trusty left-foot lashing the ball home for a textbook penalty before celebrating with a Klinsmann dive! He then got up, dusted himself down and repelled Mike Teasdale's kick for Caley to win the cup for Alloa – the Hollywood writers couldn't have scripted it better! The countdown to the 25th anniversary of that monumental afternoon is fast approaching, with just 41 days to go!

In addition, another memorable shoot-out victory came in 1996 when Alloa became the first fourth tier team to ever defeat a top tier team after knocking Motherwell out of the League Cup on their own ground. Wasps keeper Robert Balfour was the hero between the sticks for Alloa on that occasion, saving spot-kicks from Willie Falconer and John Philliben, to embarrass Motherwell manager Alex McLeish and send



a jubilant band of Alloa supporters home very happy. That victory was even more memorable as the Wasps were drawn against Celtic in the next round.

On the other side of the coin, shoot-outs have also been responsible for some of the most testing times for Alloa supporters. Top of that unwanted list is undoubtedly the sudden-death play-off final defeat to Brechin City in 2017, with some Alloa fans still wondering

what could have been had the Wasps triumphed that day. Arguably, some Brechin fans probably rue that day too, given the subsequent relegation they endured the following season and how that then snowballed into a fall down the leagues into the Highland League. The 2013 penalty defeat at Pittodrie was another tough one to take, with Paul Hartley's Wasps taking Aberdeen all the way that night.



The removal of extra-time from some competitions, and the introduction of bonus point shoot-outs in the group stages of the League Cup, mean penalties have been a more commonplace method of deciding Alloa games in recent years. For example, in the past seven-and-a-half years the Wasps have been involved in a dozen shoot-outs, meaning taking penalties in shoot-outs has become second nature to some Alloa players. For example, ice-cool Scott Taggart has scored 11 out of 12 shoot-out kicks he's taken (coincidentally, Taggart has the exact same record from spot-kicks he's taken during normal time [11/12], with his only 90 minute miss coming at Gayfield Park in 2017!), Andy Graham has a 7 out of 9 shoot-out record and Calum Waters has a 100% record (3/3, including 2 decisive shoot-out strikes).

In terms of Alloa keepers, PJ Morrison has only been involved

in a single penalty shoot-out while with the Wasps. Morrison's save from Andy Munro was decisive in Alloa's aforementioned opening day victory over East Fife in July. Outside of shoot-outs, Morrison has so far faced 7 penalties in his 58 games for the Wasps, excellently saving Blair Spittal's spot-kick in the Scottish Cup at Motherwell in January. Therefore, in total, Morrison has saved 2 of the 12 penalties he's faced when playing for the Wasps, which is on par with what you'd expect of any keeper bearing in mind the conversion rate of penalties is calculated to be somewhere between 0.76 and 0.79 (either three out of four, or four out of five). If Tochukwu Ogayi gets the nod to play this evening, the Nigerian will be seeking to save his first penalty for Alloa if the match goes to penalties. In Ogayi's dozen competitive appearances for the club so far, he's faced three penalties, with them all being converted. However, Phil's impressive agility

and physical presence means that in the drama of a shoot-out, I'd be confident that he'd be able to become a hero for the Wasps!

Both current Alloa keepers could learn a thing or two about saving penalties from coach Neil Parry, who faced a total of 60 penalties during his own 174 games in goal for the Wasps. In total Parry saved 10 separate spot-kicks, with another 5 takers missing the target altogether when facing Neily. Parry's record in shoot-outs was particularly impressive, with 8 separate saves from the 37 penalties he faced. That included two crucial saves in the 2017 play-off victory over his boyhood club and former employers Airdrie (although I don't think he'd get away with moving off his line these days like he did back then, with Parry almost on the six yard line when making his saves!), one each in those two separate shoot-out victories at Tannadice in 2018 and denying Aidan Connolly to win Alloa a Challenge Cup shoot-out over Dunfermline at East End Park a month later.

During 90 minute matches Parry's saves were less frequent, with 2 from 23 faced. Parry first saved from Ryan Conroy in a 2-2 draw against Airdrie [again!] in 2018. The other occasion was in 2021 from Miles Storey up in Inverness, during a midweek encounter when the Wasps could have gone 3-1 behind late in the game, but Parry fabulously tipped an overly confident effort from Storey around the post and minutes later at the other end Caley paid the price as Alan Trouten showed Storey how to finish from 12 yards to earn Alloa a satisfying point on the road. Parry did however have a knack of putting strikers off so much that they missed the



target altogether, with 5 normal time kicks he faced all being off target, most famously Ayr United's Craig Moore ballooning the ball onto the railway line at the Recs in April 2018 during Alloa's penultimate day victory over the Honest Men which looked to have handed the title to Raith, until the next week when Parry repelled the Rovers to see Ayr snatch the title and see the Wasps momentum join them in winning promotion via the play-offs! Parry's heroics in saving penalties certainly live long in the memory to this day!

Looking more closely at Alloa's penalty shoot-out record, I couldn't help but discover that the Wasps' head-to-head record in shoot-outs versus Arbroath is not a good omen for this evening, with the Red Lichties triumphing in both shoot-outs

between the sides. Seven years ago, Alloa's maiden shoot-out to decide who picked up a league cup group stage bonus point ended in defeat. The game only went to penalties after a last minute equaliser in normal time from Alloa's Frank McKeown (an 18 yard volley into the corner from the current Dumbarton Assistant Manager), but in the shoot-out Dick Campbell's side edged it. The Wasps would have won had Kris Renton converted Alloa's fifth kick, but his unconvincing effort was saved by Ricky Gomes and in sudden-death Gomes saved Thomas Grant's weak attempt and current Arbroath joint manager David Gold struck the winning kick past Craig McDowall. Back in 1994 Arbroath beat the Wasps in another League Cup shoot-out, with the Red Lichties Alloa-born goalkeeper Derek Jackson saving

two penalties to earn Arbroath a home-tie with Rangers in the next round. That night was also notable for Alloa being reduced to 10-men, with Steve Cadden (dad of current Hibernian duo Nicky and Chris) being dismissed for two rash challenges on Steven Tosh. The match details on the excellent Arbroath Archive website includes the Arbroath Herald match report, with keeper Jackson (later of Sauchie Juniors and the goalkeeper coach at Falkirk in recent times) grabbing a memorable headline of 'HANDY JACKO SPOT ON TO STING WASPS'.

I sincerely hope that I am not tempting fate by discussing penalty shoot-outs before a ball has been kicked this evening, but if they do materialise, embrace the drama they almost always deliver!

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APPEARANCES

	POS	LEAGUE		CUP		TOTAL		ALLOA CAREER LGE	
		APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
OGAYI	GOAL	0 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (0)	0	8 (1)	0
PARRY	GOAL	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	138 (0)	0
MORRISON	GOAL	9 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	13 (0)	0	39 (1)	0
TAGGART	DEF	9 (0)	1	5 (0)	2	14 (0)	3	274 (2)	17
WATERS	DEF	6 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	11 (0)	0	46 (0)	1
GRAHAM	DEF	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	190 (8)	14
NEILL	DEF	6 (1)	1	4 (0)	1	10 (1)	2	40 (1)	1
MCKAY	DEF	9 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	14 (0)	0	23 (5)	1
THOMSON	DEF	6 (2)	0	0 (3)	0	6 (5)	0	6 (2)	0
DEVINE	DEF	0 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	33 (4)	0
HETHERINGTON	MID	9 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	12 (0)	0	166 (33)	6
CAWLEY	MID	9 (0)	1	5 (0)	3	14 (0)	4	347 (56)	65
ROBERTS	MID	3 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	7 (0)	0	39 (0)	4
NEVANS	MID	0 (2)	0	0 (3)	0	0 (5)	0	0 (2)	0
SCOUGALL	MID	6 (2)	1	3 (0)	0	9 (2)	1	88 (24)	9
VIRTANEN	MID	3 (2)	0	1 (0)	0	4 (2)	0	16 (13)	1
O'DONNELL	MID	2 (5)	0	1 (2)	0	3 (7)	0	35 (46)	3
MULLEN	MID	0 (0)	0	1 (3)	0	1 (3)	0	0 (0)	0
MCDONNELL	MID	0 (2)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0	0 (2)	0
HONEYMAN	MID	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
DONNELLY	FWD	6 (3)	2	2 (3)	0	8 (6)	2	24 (30)	11
SAMMON	FWD	4 (4)	3	2 (1)	1	6 (5)	4	66 (48)	30
DONNELLY	FWD	6 (3)	2	2 (3)	0	8 (6)	2	24 (30)	11
SAMMON	FWD	4 (4)	3	2 (1)	1	6 (5)	4	66 (48)	30

ALLOA CAREER CUP		ALLOA TOTAL	
APP	GOAL	APP	GOAL
3 (0)	0	11 (1)	0
35 (0)	0	173 (0)	0
18 (0)	0	57 (1)	0
63 (1)	5	337 (3)	22
16 (0)	1	62 (0)	2
54 (3)	1	244 (11)	15
10 (1)	2	50 (2)	3
10 (2)	0	33 (7)	1
0 (3)	0	6 (5)	0
3 (1)	0	36 (5)	0
36 (9)	1	202 (42)	7
72 (12)	15	419 (68)	80
10 (1)	0	49 (1)	4
0 (3)	0	0 (5)	0
22 (8)	2	110 (32)	11
4 (3)	0	20 (16)	1
14 (7)	1	49 (53)	4
1 (3)	0	1 (3)	0
0 (0)	0	0 (2)	0
0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0
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6 (7)	2	30 (37)	13
20 (5)	10	86 (53)	40

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FOOTBALL CAN BE CRUEL

Four-nil as Alloa Athletic defeated Forfar Athletic on Saturday 13th November 1965. It was the Wasps first home victory of the season, but there was more to it than just beating a poor Forfar Athletic side.

A home victory was very welcome which was the first pleasing point, but the second was the fact for the first time this season the forward line looked like having a threat and because of one man.

For my money, the lad who

transformed Alloa Athletic was young John Flanagan making his home debut after signing from Clackmannan Juniors.

It is not often you would expect a young player, who has just been signed from the Junior ranks to dominate a senior game, but that is how it was. Flanagan held, moved, distributed and linked the normally straggling home attack into a cohesive force and was on hand to make two of the goals.

Soon John's form was

attracting attention from other clubs with senior scouts out watching his progress and on the 5th March 1966 at Recreation Park as "The Wasps" faced Queen of the South in the league, Glasgow Rangers had a representative in the stand looking to sign John Flanagan at the end of the match. Injury hoodoo had been haunting "The Wasps" at that time with centre forward Bobby St. John suffering a leg break the previous week against Ayr United and again another serious injury marred

“The Wasps” 2-1 victory over “The Doonhammers”.

Just before half-time John Flannagan was stretched off with a suspected Pott’s fracture to the leg following a tackle by Billy Collings of QOS. Sadly, it was later confirmed John had suffered a double fracture above the right ankle and would be out for some time and the Rangers official left without his signature.

Young Tommy Hutchison who was only making his second appearance since signing from Dundonald Bluebell for “The Wasps” could be forgiven for thinking “Is this what football is like in the senior game after seeing both Bobby St. John and John Flannagan in back-to-back matches suffering serious leg

breaks.

This was at a time there were no substitutions in the Scottish game, the first substitutions were to take place on the 13th August 1966 in a League Cup match featuring St. Mirren and Clyde, when a young Archie Gemmill made history being the first substitution in the Scottish game when he replaced Jim Clunnie after 23 minutes.

Sadly, for John Flannagan his season was over and ultimately his chance of full-time football. Although John returned in October in the following season, he had lost some of his sharpness, his final goal was in a 2-1 victory v. Clydebank at Kilbowie on 5th November 1966, Harry Rutherford scoring the other Alloa goal.

The following season John was invited to Ochilview by their manager Jimmy Weir, but after only one game unfortunately John decided to retire from the senior game.

John is still a keen football fan and follows “The Wasps” sitting up in the new stand, which is still new to John even although it was opened in 1991, he agrees it is far better than the old wooden stand in his days. Recently he met up with three of his old Alloa teammates – Alex Hodge, Campbell Walker & Tommy Hutchison at the release of Tommy Hutchison’s book “Hard Work & Belief”.



**CAMPBELL WALKER, TOMMY HUTCHISON,
ALEX HODGE & JOHN FLANAGAN**



ARBROATH

The Red Lichties

FOUNDED:
1878

GROUND:
Gayfield Park, Arbroath

TOP HONOURS
SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP*: Runners-up: 1934–35, 1958–59, 1967–68, 1971–72, 2021–22

SCOTTISH LEAGUE 1*:
Runners-up: 2000–01, 2011–12

SCOTTISH LEAGUE 2*:
Winners:
2010–11, 2016–17

Runners-up:
1997–98,
Play-off winners 2007–08

SCOTTISH CUP:
Semi-Finalists: 1946–47

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP:
Semi-Finalists: 1959–60

CHALLENGE CUP:
Semi-Finalists: 2012–13

Friday night football returns to Alloa as they welcome Arbroath in the fourth round of the SPFL Trust Trophy. The Lichties are seeking their first Challenge Cup trophy this campaign with their semi-final appearance in 2012/13 being the furthest they have ventured into the competition. The third round was fairly comprehensive for the visitors as they swept aside rivals, Montrose, 3-0 to book their spot against the Wasps. Thomas O'Brien opened the scoring that day with a penalty, before goals from Scott Stewart and Liam Callaghan put the result out of

reach for the Mo. The visitors come into this game full of confidence after recording three consecutive victories in a row. They have put Inverness, Cove Rangers and Annan Athletic to the sword, only conceding in one of those games.

THE BOSSES – COLIN HAMILTON AND DAVID GOLD

Experiencing one of the first managerial casualties in the country, Arbroath departed ways with Jim McIntyre early into this campaign. Taking temporary charge at the time was current players, Colin Hamilton

and David Gold. The duo's interim period lasted three games in which the team went unbeaten and included the victory in the third round of this competition. With over 500 appearances for the Gayfield outfit, the pair are held in the highest regard by the Arbroath faithful and the powers that be making this an extremely popular decision. Colin Hamilton, who had a brief spell at Alloa in 2016, was at the heart of the history making defence in their remarkable Championship runner up campaign. He unfortunately is injured for the rest of the season, now able to put his focus into management,





alongside rehabilitation. David Gold, an experienced midfielder, has been running a coaching business on the side of pulling the strings at Gayfield. He now too steps up to take into senior football with Arbroath.

THE CAPTAIN – THOMAS O'BRIEN

Regarded one of the best part-time defenders in the country, Thomas O'Brien, leads the side from the pitch this evening. Now 33-year-old, O'Brien has been at Gayfield since 2017 following spells at Cowdenbeath and Forfar. As Arbroath got within touching distance of the promise land of top flight football, much of the media praise came the way of O'Brien who was colossal on the club's outstanding run. After signing a long-term contract at the club and commuting

his future to Arbroath, he has remained a mainstay in the team. The centre half has featured in all the games this season, however, didn't make the squad in last week's victory against Inverness with an injury.

NEW BOY – QUINN COULSON

One of the Lichties summer signings that caught the eye of supporters in the Alloa terracing was the one of Quinn Coulson. The winger had departed the Wasps following the conclusion of the last campaign and subsequently spent the summer training with Championship side Hamilton. Following an extensive trial, it was Gayfield that Coulson committed his future to. Coulson bagged seven goals and assists in his 53 Alloa appearances but offered a constant threat with his pace and directness. Since

making the move he has featured 11 times for his new side and grabbed himself a solitary goal. That strike came on the opening day of the season in a 2-1 defeat to League 2 Champions, Stenhousemuir.

ONE TO WATCH – SCOTT STEWART

One man who impressed in the side's last encounter and is a constant threat for Arbroath is Scott Stewart. The midfielder who has mostly been deployed off the right hand side has scored three goals so far this season. One of the goals ensured Arbroath progressed in the previous round of the SPFL Trust Trophy. Stewart, who is the son of former Airdrie boss Sandy, has only played for two clubs in his time and both now have sentimental value. He

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BY KIEREN MOONEY

began his career at his father's club Airdrie where he amassed over 100 appearances for the club and won various individual accolades for his performances from 2016 to 2018. In June of 2019, Stewart made the move to the Scotland's second tier with Arbroath where he has been ever since. Again, another integral member of the recent success at Gayfield and still continuing to prove crucial as they bid to return to the Championship.

THE CONNECTION

As previously mentioned co-manager, Colin Hamilton, and former winger, Quinn Coulson, will be making their return to face one of their former sides this evening. Also doing this is forward Calum

Gallagher. The 30-year-old spent a brief stint on loan at the Recs in 2012/13 before his successful spell at Airdrie. Gallagher is now finding his feet at his new club Arbroath after departing Airdrie in the summer. Another former loanee in Inness Murray will also be returning to the club. The midfielder spent the Covid season under Peter Grant's Alloa side. There are three Alloa players for the visiting support to keep a keen eye on. Stevie Hetherington, Luke Donnelly, who is suspended, and Miko Virtanen all step up against their former side this evening.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The last time these sides met was at Gayfield earlier on in this season's League 1 campaign. Supporters won't be blamed if

this one is already escaped the memory as the sides played out a 0-0 draw at Gayfield at the end of August. The sides' previous meetings prior to that were in the Championship where the sides were evenly matched with Arbroath winning three, Alloa two, and a draw. The last time the sides met in a cup competition was the League Cup in 2017. Bobby Linn opened the scoring that day before being pegged back by Liam Buchanan to make it 1-1 just a minute later. Alan Trouten turned the game on its head by putting the Wasps ahead in the second half, however, the hosts bit back again through Jason Thomson. With both sides searching for a winner, Alloa hit the hosts on the break to win the game 3-2 thanks to Alan Trouten once again.





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LOOKING BACK 13TH OCTOBER 1990

In The Premier Division, there was no positional change at the top. For leaders Dundee United retained their two-point advantage, after a narrow 1-0 home win v struggling Hibs, while second-placed Rangers maintained their bid to retain their title, when they hammered another side in the doldrums, St. Mirren, by 5-0 at Ibrox. Third-placed Aberdeen were held 0-0 at fifth-placed Motherwell, while fourth-placed Celtic shared two goals and the points at East End Park, v another of the strugglers, Dunfermline. St. Mirren's defeat kept them rooted to the bottom of the table, while Dunfermline and Hibs remained immediately above them.

The First Division's top clash undoubtedly took place at Douglas Park, where second-placed Hamilton Accies hosted their top-of-the-table local rivals, Airdrie. And a 1-0 win for The Diamonds saw them stretch their lead to four points, and at the same time, extend their unbeaten start to the season to ten games. Hamilton retained second spot in spite of their defeat, another top-of-table encounter, between third-placed Raith and fourth-placed Dundee ended all-square at 1-1, & thus meant no positional change for either side, while fifth-placed Kilmarnock kept up their promotion bid, with a 3-1 home v local rivals Ayr. At the other end of the table, Brechin

gained their first league success of the season, by 2-1 at home v near-neighbours Forfar, though in spite of this welcome success, City still propped up the table. Second-bottom Clyde's own problems continued in the shape of a 2-4 home defeat v Glasgow rivals Partick, though third-bottom Morton gained some relief with a 2-0 win v Clydebank at Cappielow.

Second Division leaders East Fife stretched their unbeaten start to ten games, though they had to settle for a point from a 1-1 home draw v near-neighbours Cowdenbeath. Stirling Albion remained second, and also still boasted an unbeaten league record, after they defeated sixth-placed Berwick by 4-1 at Annfield, third-placed Stranraer were also 4-1 home winners, v local rivals Queen Of The South, Queen's Park remained fourth in spite of a 0-1 defeat at Albion Rovers, while Stenhousemuir were now fifth, after a 1-0 home success v neighbouring Alloa. and The Wasps had lined up at Ochilvie as follows: Ronnie Lowrie, Willie Newbigging, Robert Lee, Dougie Lee, Keith McCulloch, Tom McEntegart, Arthur Grant (Peter Lamont), Stevie Ramsay, Barrie Moffat, John Irvine, Mike Smith (James Thomson). Alloa thus still occupied seventh place, tonight's visitors Arbroath remained in twelfth position after a 0-3 defeat at local rivals Montrose, while East Stirling still propped up the table, following a 1-2 defeat at Dumbarton, The Shire's ninth league game without success.

South of the border, there were no First Division fixtures, due to England's European Championship clash v Poland at Wembley, the following mid-week. So it was as-you-were at both ends of the table, with leaders Liverpool six points ahead of second-placed Arsenal, then came two more London clubs, Spurs & Crystal

Palace, while winless Derby still propped up the table.

In The Second Division, Sheffield Wednesday's 3-0 home win v Plymouth saw them take over leadership, in place of Oldham, who dropped to second, after they were held 2-2 at Hull. Third-placed West Ham were held 1-1 at Bristol City, while Millwall

remained fourth, in spite of a 1-2 defeat at Middlesbrough, who moved up to sixth.



HALF TIME QUIZ

- 1. WHAT WAS THE SCORE THE LAST TIME ALLOA AND ARBROATH MET IN THE CHALLENGE CUP?**
- 2. ARBROATH MANAGED A THREE GOAL WIN OVER MONTROSE IN THE LAST ROUND. WHO SCORED FOR THE RED LICHTIES?**
- 3. EAST STIRLINGSHIRE HAVE A FEW EX-WASPS. CAN YOU NAME THE THREE WHO'VE PLAYED SENIOR FOOTBALL AT ALLOA?**
- 4. HEARTS MANAGED THE ONLY EUROPEAN WIN OF LAST WEEK WITH A 2-1 WIN OVER MINSK. WHO SCORED THE VITAL GOALS TO BOOST THE COEFFICIENT AND BAG HEARTS AN ESTIMATED £336K?**
- 5. SCOTLAND ARE ON THEIR LONGEST WINLESS RUN IN HISTORY. HOW MANY GAMES SINCE THE NATIONAL TEAM LAST WON A GAME?**



ES CLYDEBANK

That short-lived ES Clydebank came about because the Steedman brothers, Jack and Charles, owners of East Stirling, were determined to build a new Scottish League club away from East Stirling's then home Firs Park in Falkirk.

The Steedman's got together with Clydebank Juniors. They set about moving East Stirling to Kilbowie Park in Clydebank and their manoeuvrings led to a real split within Scottish football.

Rangers and other top clubs backed the Steedman's against the rump of East Stirling's shareholders who were determined

to cling on at Firs Park. The Steedman's won the first round, with the approval of the Scottish League committee.

This led to ES Clydebank taking the field in season 1964-65, despite there still being an East Stirlingshire FC of sorts.

Alloa Athletic only ever played against ES Clydebank twice in their short existence, the first game was played at Recreation Park on 19th August, 1964. The Alloa Athletic team that day was: - Adam Hodge, Bobby Gray, Jim Ireland, Ian Jamieson, Drew Rogerson, David Baker, Martin

Cameron, Gibby Ormond, Harry Rutherford, Willie McLean & Bobby Walker.

ES Clydebank team:- John Arrol, Willie Stobo, Jacky McQueen, Ernest Collumbine, Tom Craig, Jimmy Kilgannon, Bill Munro, McPhee (T), Andy Roxburgh, Jimmy Kemp & Arthur Hamill.

ES Clydebank were to win the game at Recreation Park 4-1, after 37 minutes David Baker deflected a Jimmy Kemp cross come shoot past Adam Hodge in the Alloa goal. Two minutes later Bobby Walker who had

joined "The Wasps" from St. Andrew's United scored the equaliser. The game was fairly even and it was not until the 70th minute ES Clydebank went back in front when Kemp's shot went past Hodge with no help this time. That looked to have been the winning goal until Arthur Hamill extended the visitors lead with seven minutes to go and thereafter Alloa appeared to accept defeat and Andy Roxburgh, a famous name who was to go on and manage the Scotland national side, made it 4-1 with two minutes to go.

The second match played at Kilbowie Park, Clydebank was again very even, ending in a 2-2 draw, Drew Rogerson and Harry Rutherford were "The Wasps" scorers that day.

By the end of the season ES Clydebank would finish 5th in the league, behind Champions Stirling Albion, while Alloa Athletic ended 10th in the division of 18 teams.

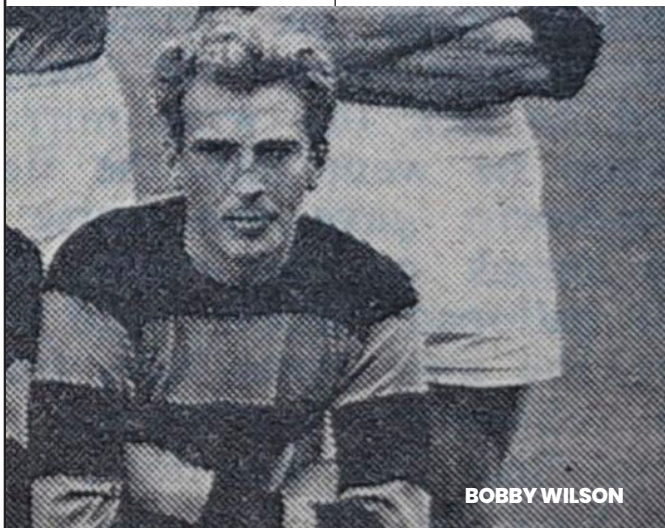
So, history will show Alloa Athletic's record against ES Clydebank was played 2, won 0, drawn 1, Lost 1.

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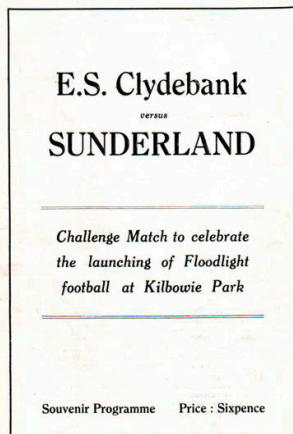
Clydebank arranged a Challenge match against Sunderland to celebrate the launching of floodlight football at Kilbowie Park which "The Black Cats" won by 5 - 1.

It should be noted that when East Stirling came back to life in season 1965-67, 3,000 supporters turned up at Firs Park for their first match.

The old club survived and even briefly prospered in the mid-1970s when a certain Sir Alex Ferguson took over as manager.



BOBBY WILSON



ANSWERS

1. IN 2014 IT WAS A 4-1 VICTORY FOR THE WASPS (GREIG SPENCE X3, STEPHEN SIMMONS - TIFFONEY OG) ALLOA ADVANCED ALL THE WAY TO FINAL BEFORE LOSING TO LIVINGSTON


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




















3. GREIG SPENCE, MARK DOCHERTY, PAUL MCLAREN

4. SERGEY POLITEVICH (OG) FROM JAMES PENRICE'S DELIVERY, YAN DHANDA WITH THE WINNER

5. EIGHT COMPETITIVE GAMES SINCE A 3-0 OVER CYPRUS! JUST ONE WIN IN ALL FIXTURES WITH A 2-0 FRIENDLY WIN OVER MINNOWS GIBRALTAR THE ONLY WIN IN THE LAST 13.

2024-25

Date	Home	Time/Results	Away	Competition
22 June 2024	Livingston 	2 - 1	 Alloa Athletic	
29 June 2024	Alloa Athletic 	3 - 1	 Clyde	
2 July 2024	Greenock Morton 	1 - 0	 Alloa Athletic	
6 July 2024	Falkirk 	2 - 2	 Alloa Athletic	
9 July 2024	Alloa Athletic 	3 - 0	 Cumbernauld Colts	
16 July 2024	Alloa Athletic 	0 (5) - (3) 0	 East Fife	Premier Sports Cup
20 July 2024	Brechin City 	1 - 3	 Alloa Athletic	Premier Sports Cup
23 July 2024	Alloa Athletic 	3 - 2	 St Johnstone	Premier Sports Cup
27 July 2024	Greenock Morton 	2 - 1	 Alloa Athletic	Premier Sports Cup
3 August 2024	Alloa Athletic 	0 - 0	 Queen of the South	William Hill League 1
10 August 2024	Dumbarton 	3 - 3	 Alloa Athletic	William Hill League 1
17 August 2024	Alloa Athletic 	1 - 0	 Stenhousemuir	William Hill League 1
24 August 2024	Annan Athletic 	0 - 1	 Alloa Athletic	William Hill League 1
31 August 2024	Arbroath 	0 - 0	 Alloa Athletic	William Hill League 1
7 September 2024	Partick Thistle 	1 - 3	 Alloa Athletic	Challenge Cup
14 September 2024	Alloa Athletic 	2 - 2	 Inverness CT	William Hill League 1
21 September 2024	Alloa Athletic 	1 - 0	 Kelty Hearts	William Hill League 1
28 September 2024	Montrose 	2 - 2	 Alloa Athletic	William Hill League 1
5 October 2024	Alloa Athletic 	0 - 2	 Cove Rangers	William Hill League 1

11 October 2024	Alloa Athletic 	7:45 pm	 Arbroath	Challenge Cup
19 October 2024	Stenhousemuir 	5:30 pm	 Alloa Athletic	William Hill League 1
26 October 2024	Alloa Athletic 	3:00 pm	 Arbroath	William Hill League 1
2 November 2024	Alloa Athletic 	3:00 pm	 Annan Athletic	William Hill League 1
9 November 2024	Queen of the South 	3:00 pm	 Alloa Athletic	William Hill League 1
16 November 2024	Inverness CT 	3:00 pm	 Alloa Athletic	William Hill League 1
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4 January 2025	Arbroath	3:00 pm	Alloa Athletic	William Hill League 1
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25 January 2025	Alloa Athletic	3:00 pm	Inverness CT	William Hill League 1
1 February 2025	Dumbarton	3:00 pm	Alloa Athletic	William Hill League 1
8 February 2025	Montrose	3:00 pm	Alloa Athletic	William Hill League 1
15 February 2025	Alloa Athletic	3:00 pm	Kelty Hearts	William Hill League 1
22 February 2025	Annan Athletic	3:00 pm	Alloa Athletic	William Hill League 1
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19 April 2025	Cove Rangers	3:00 pm	Alloa Athletic	William Hill League 1
26 April 2025	Alloa Athletic	3:00 pm	Montrose	William Hill League 1
3 May 2025	Kelty Hearts	3:00 pm	Alloa Athletic	William Hill League 1





ALLO ATHLETIC



ARBROATH

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

#	POS				
	3		COLIN HAMILTON		
	4		JACK WILKIE		
	5		THOMAS O'BRIEN		
	6		CRAIG SLATER		
	7		DAVID GOLD		
	8		LIAM CALLAGHAN		
	9		CALUM GALLAGHER		
	10		GAVIN REILLY		
	11		RYAN DOW		
	12		SCOTT STEWART		
	14		FRASER TAYLOR		
	15		KEITH WATSON		
	16		QUINN COULSON		
	17		JAMIE RICHARDSON		
	18		LAYTON BISLAND		
	19		BRYNN SINCLAIR		
	20		RYAN FLYNN		
	21		AIDAN MCADAMS		
	22		INNES MURRAY		
	23		DYLAN SMITH		
		MANAGERS	DAVID GOLD & COLIN HAMILTON		

REFEREE: Euan Anderson

ASST: Calum Doyle & John McCrossan

ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

19.10.24, OCHILVIEW PARK, 17:30

	STENHOUSEMUIR		ALLO ATHLETIC
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26.10.24, INDODRILL STADIUM, 15:00

	ALLO ATHLETIC		ARBROATH
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02.11.24, INDODRILL STADIUM, 15:00

	ALLO ATHLETIC		ANNAN ATHLETIC
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09.11.24, PALMERSTON PARK, 17:30

	QUEEN OF THE SOUTH		ALLO ATHLETIC
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16.11.24, CALEDONIAN STADIUM, 15:00

	INVERNESS CT		ALLO ATHLETIC
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