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^{*}includes equivalent competitions

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE 1

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
STENHOUSEMUIR	24	11	5	8	34	25	9	38
ARBROATH	22	11	4	7	35	25	10	37
COVE RANGERS	23	10	5	8	37	27	10	35
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH	24	9	5	10	25	28	-3	32
KELTY HEARTS	22	8	7	7	29	22	7	31
ALLOA ATHLETIC	24	7	10	7	31	28	3	31
MONTROSE MONTROSE	24	6	9	9	24	29	-5	27
ANNAN ATHLETIC	24	7	6	11	25	41	-16	27
INVERNESS	24	10	7	7	27	27	0	22
DUMBARTON	23	5	8	10	29	44	-15	8

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

LEAGUE 1



CHAMPIONSHIP

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LEAGUE 2



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ANDY GRAHAM



THE GAFFER'S THOUGHTS

Firstly, I'd like to start by congratulating Charlie Mulgrew and Mark Kerr on their appointments at Kelty Hearts.

I'd also like to thank all the Alloa fans who traveled to Dumbarton and Montrose over the last few weeks. It's been disappointing not to send them home with three points on both occasions, and I hope we can put that right today.

Last week at Montrose was the poorest 30 minutes we have played since I took the job. As frustrated as we all were with that, I have to be equally pleased with the response in the second half. Watching the

game, it didn't look like we were going to concede—we limited Montrose to very few chances in the closing stages, and for the penalty to be awarded in the fashion it was, was disappointing, to put it lightly.

We have to take the positives from the second half and channel that into today's game. There is still a lot of football to be played, so let's get behind the players today and give them strong backing, which always helps.

Best wishes, Andy



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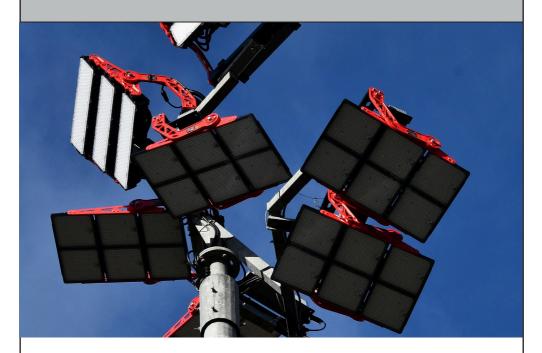
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LEWIS RUSSELL



NEWSDESK

Alloa added two loan signings before our last home game with Josh Gentles and Charlie Dewar arriving from Rangers and Dundee United respectively. The two 17 year olds have already made a big impact with Josh scoring and assisting in his first two starts and Charlie being ever present so far at centre back.

Since our 1-2 defeat at home for Inverness there's been two tricky trips on the road to Dumbarton and Montrose. An early snapshot from James Hilton was later cancelled out by Josh Gentles but Alloa did not have enough to overcome Dumbarton and the sides shared a point.

Last week's trip to Montrose continued in almost the same vein with a relatively early Owen Stirton goal giving the Mo a deserved lead for their efforts. Alloa came out energised after the break though and took control of the game with Cameron O'Donnell attempting to rupture

the net with a 25 yard finish and Steven Buchanan heading in from short range courtesy of Josh Gentles. The Wasps failed to hold onto to the lead as a soft penalty was awarded against Alloa and Stirton stepped up to bag a brace despite the best efforts of Morrison who managed to get a hand to it.

Shay Nevans was released to pursue opportunities elsewhere after only making 7 appearanc-



es after signing from Motherwell Steven Hetherington underwent a successful operation last

week - although we likely won't see him back before the end of the season we'd like to wish him well in the recovery.

The floodlights at Alloa have seen another upgrade as they moved to LED for the first home game today. Unfortunately no light shows although I did ask.

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

The club will be celebrating a quarter of a century since Alloa beat Inverness Caledonian Thistle on penalties after a thrilling 4-4 draw in 1999. To mark the occasion, Alloa have invited members of the winning squad back to the ground to give them a guard of honour.

Originally set for Alloa's home game against Dumbarton on 23rd November 2024 but unfortunately had to be cancelled due to Storm "Bert" which decimated the football card that day,

the celebration has now been rescheduled for Saturday 1st March 2025 at our home game against Cove Rangers.

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

Alloa Athletic FC, in conjunction with its community partner, Wasp Community Club, is thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new Club Lotto, designed to raise vital funds to support the continued development of our youth and women's and girls' pathways, and other community projects with a massive **JACKPOT OF £2000** up for grabs with weekly draws which take place on Wednesdays at 8.15PM, with £50 being added to the jackpot each week.

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JONATHAN MARKWELL



INFAMOUS ALLOA SCORELINES

In the previous edition of the programme I chronicled the definitive Alloa match for each conceivable scoreline in the game, from the 3-2 comeback win over Rangers to the 7-0 annihilation of local rivals Stirling Albion. This was in homage to a Football Clichés podcast from a few months ago, where that same task was undertaken for the game as a whole. That drew copycats from all corners of the footballing fraternity (me included!), with the SPFL Mediawatch's twitter account getting in on the act with an attempt at a Scottish football version, from France 0 Scotland 1 to Motherwell 6 Hibernian 6 and everything in-between. To flip that concept on its head, as well as the most memorable Alloa scoreline

from a positive perspective, I have expanded the topic to also unearth what I consider to be Alloa's definitive infamous scorelines from over the years. This isn't for the faint hearted and will probably bring some diehard Wasps supporters out in a cold sweat at the very thought of some of these matches, but strap in and continue reading if you are brave enough – my apologies again for the recency bias in some scorelines!

0-0 – It has to be the goalless draw on the final day of the 1990/1991 season when the Wasps couldn't find a goal against Cowdenbeath in 5050 fans at the Recs, with the Blue Brazil winning promotion instead of the Wasps.

0-1 – Although this one is well before my time, official club historian John Glencross ranks Alloa's 1-0 defeat in the 1969/70 Scottish Cup defeat to South of Scotland side Tarff Rovers as one of Alloa's poorest ever results.

0-2 – An insipid 2-0 defeat at Stair Park saw Jim Goodwin's Alloa side down in 8th position in League One in October 2017. Goodwin had just reached a year in charge of the Wasps, but was under a spot of pressure after an early season hangover following the agonising play-off defeat the previous season. Happily, things turned around for Jim and the Wasps, with five successive wins and eventual promotion that season. That defeat to Stranraer therefore

marked a low point. It could have been so different had that defeat not proven a turning point in Alloa's season. Goodwin personally hasn't looked back either, with it pleasure to see him succeeding as a manager in the top tier of the Scottish game this season with Dundee United.

0-3 – Andy Graham's first game in charge of the Wasps began in inauspicious circumstances with a 3-0 away defeat to Edinburgh City. Although based on the balance of play there was never a 3-0 difference between the sides, the Wasps couldn't get on the scoresheet after losing two early goals and then suffered a last-minute sucker punch to put an undeserved gloss on the scoreline.

0-4 - The Challenge Cup final defeat to Livingston in 2015 was a painful 4-0 defeat, with the Wasps simply not turning up on the big day and a couple of late goals putting an extra layer of unnecessary gloss on the scoreline. I've never been able to wear the specially produced shirt the team wore and sold that day ever again!

0-5 – Being a long-distance Alloa supporter, I only tend to see a handful of games live in the flesh each season. During the otherwise glorious title winning season of 2011/2012, the only match I saw live was the 5-0 reverse at Berwick, which came a week after Paul Hartlev's side had secured the Third Division trophy with an 8-1 victory over Elgin. Few sides will have ever followed up an 8-1 victory with a 5-0 defeat, but I was there to witness it at Shielfield Park, for my sins.

0–6 – Continuing on a theme of my ventures up to see Alloa play turning into a bad luck



charm, in 2007 optimism was high for the first match played on the Wasps newly installed 3G pitch. However, an Airdrie side including future Wasp Graeme Holmes didn't read the script of what should have been a momentous day by trouncing the Wasps 6-0! It was the first time I'd taken my girlfriend, now wife, Lucy, to the Recs, and it was a real baptism of fire that day!

0-7 – Alloa suffered the humiliation of being knocked out of the Scottish Cup by lower league opposition by a scoreline of 7-0

in 2012. Plucky 3rd Division outfit Rangers ran riot against Paul Hartley's side, who were not helped by a red-card for Michael Doyle, who almost 13 years later is still managed by Hartley at Cove Rangers!

1-2 – Alloa reached a second Challenge Cup final in 3 seasons in 2001, but came up short in the final against a streetwise Airdrie side, inspired by star striker Owen Coyle, who opened the scoring. Manager Terry Christie also caused some controversy by leaving Alloa legend Willie Irvine on the bench, with the Wasps all-time top goalscorer leaving the club weeks later as a result. It ended five and half glorious seasons, comprising 234 appearances and 91 goals.

- 1-3 The February 2022 home reverse to relegation-haunted East Fife was my first thought of an infamous 3-1 Alloa defeat. After going ahead after just two minutes, the Wasps then conspired to lose 3-1 to the struggling Fifers, with loanee Euan Henderson sent-off for good measure. It turned out to be Barry Ferguson's last game in charge of the Wasps.
- **1-4** Alloa's first home league game back after the Covid shutdown was one to forget as Kevin O'Hara returned to the Recs to score a hat-trick off the bench for his new side Dunfermline. The unreliable pixallot camera on the stream, other technical issues, the Wasps being well-beaten by the Pars and O'Hara's beaming smile all made it a day to forget for Alloa!
- 1-5 The heavy home defeat to Dumbarton in 2014 saw the shock resignation of Paul Hartley shortly after the final whistle. After nothing but success in the previous two-and-a-half seasons, it was a huge surprise at the time for the manager to leave the club.
- 1-6 The Wasps have endured some heavy opening day defeats over the years, but the 6-1 thrashing at newly promoted Cowdenbeath in 2006 was possibly the worse. Although Mixu Paatelainen undoubtedly had a fine side, getting pumped at Central Park set the tone for a challenging season for Alloa. Future Wasps Pat Scullion and Liam Buchanan were on the

- scoresheet that day, with Chancellor Gordon Brown watching on too. The fallout from the Alloa dressing room after the game saw Allan Maitland immediately release summer signing Paul Thomson, with Maitland's quote of saying the Vale of Clyde signing wasn't ready for senior football perhaps not telling the full story!
- **2-3** The April 2010 home defeat to Brechin City springs immediately to mind, as I was in attendance dressed as a giant Wasp as part of my stag do celebrations. The Wasps were top of the 2nd Division at the time and looking good for the title under Allan Maitland. After being 2-0 down Alloa had tied the score late in the game with a quick-fire double (much to the delight of my 16 person party, all wearing Alloa shirts from across the years from my collection!), only for Rory McAllister to dive into Davie Crawford to win a last minute penalty so that Alloa suffered a painful 3-2 defeat. The fact that it became the starting point for a late season collapse which saw Stirling snatch the title on goal difference from the Wasps, made it all the more infamous - I still haven't forgiven Rory McAllister!
- **2-4** Hogmanay 2005 was a low point for the Wasps, with the year finishing with a 4-2 defeat at Raith, marking a 10th successive league defeat and 16 games without a league win – an unwanted club record. Gary McGlynn's fragile relationship with the supporters snapped, with the keeper responding to some of the vocal criticism coming his way, with him being subbed at the interval and never playing for the club again. More significantly, it turned out to be Tom Hendrie's final game in charge of the club. with his inevitable sacking in the days following the defeat.

- 2-5 The May 2023 playoff defeat to Hamilton, when everything which could conspire against the Wasps (from a winning position) came to pass, is still a little raw for me! Never have I seen a game turn completely on its head so painfully in 10 minutes than the final moments of that first-half at New Douglas Park.
- **3-4** It should have been a gloriously relaxing day watching the Wasps after Andy Graham headed home Alloa's third goal without reply after just 17 minutes at the Meadowbank Stadium in November 2022. However, from the utopian feeling of being 3-0 up early in the match, it soon turned into a nightmare as the home side roared back and eventually defeated the 10-man Wasps 4-3 oh Alloa!
- **3-5** Somehow we have two harrowing 5-3 defeats to choose from, with the gut-wrenching reverse to Clyde in the 2008 play-offs still hurting to this day. That just edges the 5-3 shock of losing to East of Scotland League side Spartans in 2003, with 9-man Alloa bundled out of the Scottish Cup after extra-time on a day to forget for the Wasps.

If you've made it to the end of this article, congratulations and thank you! Your rewards are seeing the tables of the Scottish football version and the original list from the Football Clichés podcast of their most memorable game for each scoreline.

The SPFL Mediawatch Scottish list of the definitive game for each scoreline

Scoreline	Match	Context
0-0	England 0 Scotland 0	Euro 2020 in 2021 at Wembley – Billy Gilmour masterclass
1-0	France 0 Scotland 1	2007 – James McFadden's stunner in the Euro 2008 qualifier
1-1	Scotland 1 Iran 1	1978 World Cup – not the easy win anticipated beforehand
2-1	Kilmarnock 2 Arbroath 1	2022 – Killie comeback to win the Championship title
3-2	Scotland 3 Israel 2	Not sure if this is the 2021 (McTominay winner) or 2018 (Forrest hat-trick)!
4-0	St Mirren 4 Celtic 0	2010 – doubles from Andy Dorman and Steven Thomson
4-2	B Dortmund 2 Rangers 4	A famous win en route to the Europa League final in 2022
4-4	Dundee Utd 4 Inverness 4	2012 – Utd 3-0 up after 8 minutes, but needed a 90 th min penalty to get a draw
5-1	Hearts 5 Hibernian 1	2012 Scottish Cup Final, with Rudi Skacel the man of the match
5-3	Queen's Park 3 Dundee 5	2023 Championship winner takes all title decider at Ochilview
5-4	East Fife 4 Forfar 5	The only same game as the Football Clichés list!
5-5	Hibernian 5 Rangers 5	2018 – End of season drama at Easter Road as Rangers finish 3rd
6-2	Dundee Utd 6 Dundee 2	Not sure if this is the New Year's Day 2015 or 2019 Championship version!
6-6	Motherwell 6 Hibernian 6	May 2010 – highest scoring match in SPL history
8-0	Rangers 8 Hamilton 0	November 2020 – not the best day for Accies manager Brian Rice!
8-1	Dunfermline 1 Celtic 8	2006 – not the best day for future Wasps Darren Young & Stephen Simmons
9-0	Dundee Utd 0 Celtic 9 or Celtic 9 Aberdeen 0	2022 – a day to forget for Jack Ross at Tannadice. 2010 – Paul Hartley's red card for handball saw Celtic take the lead and it went downhill from there.
10-0	Hearts 10 Cowdenbeath 0	2015 – Champions elect Hearts ran riot against 10-man Cowden

Scoreli ne	Match	Context
0-0	Italy 0 England 0	England qualify for France '98 World Cup
1-0	Greece 1 Portugal 0 or Cameroon 1 Argentina 0	Greece winning the Euros in 2004, or Cameroon shocking the world in the San Siro during the opening match of Italia '90.
1-1	France 1 Italy 1	2006 World Cup Final, remembered for the Zidane headbutt
2-0	Liverpool 0 Arsenal 2	Arsenal's last minute second goal wins the 1989 league over Liverpool
2-1	Bayern 1 Man Utd 2	United's late late goals win the 1999 Champions League
2-2	England 2 Greece 2	Beckham's free-kick means England qualify for the 2002 WC
3-0	France 3 Brazil 0	1998 WC Final, overshadowed by Ronaldo mystery
3-1	Liverpool 3 Olympiacos 1	Gerrard's late screamer sends Liverpool through in the CL
3-2	Italy 3 Brazil 2	1982 World Cup, Paolo Rossi hat-trick
3-3	AC Milan 3 Liverpool 3	Liverpool's comeback in Istanbul during the 2002 CL final
4-0	AC Milan 4 Barcelona 0	Milan destroy Barca in the 1994 CL final in the Olympic Stadium
4-1	England 4 Holland 1	Euro 96, with the Dutch consolation goal knocking Scotland out
4-2	England 4 W Germany 2	1966 WC final, Geoff Hurst, the Russian linesman and all that
4-3	Liverpool 4 Newcastle 3	The original 1996 version at Anfield, not the 1997 repeat
4-4	Newcastle 4 Arsenal 4	Newcastle draw after being 4-0 down with Tiote's long-range late equaliser
5-0	Newcastle 5 Man Utd 0	Another St James's Park classic, capped by Philippe Albert's chip
5-1	Germany 1 England 5	2001 in the Olympic Stadium in Munich – Michael Owen hat-trick
5-2	Brazil 5 Sweden 2	1958 WC final, with two goals from 17 year old Pele – Brazif's 1 st WC win
5=3	Tottenham 3 Man Utd 5	2001, Spurs 3-0 up at half-time, but Man Utd comeback to win
5-4	Forfar 5 East Fife 4	Made famous by Eric Morecambe, the Station Park 9-goal thriller from 1964
5-5	West Brom 5 Man Utd	Sir Alex Ferguson's last game in charge of United in 2013

6-0	Chelsea 6 Arsenal 0	Arsene Wenger's infamous 1,000th game in charge of Arsenal
6-1	Barcelona 6 PSG 1	2017 CL (6-5 on aggregate), known as La Remontada (the comeback)
6-2	R Madrid 2 Barcelona 6	A Pep, Messi & Henry masterclass in a 2009 El Clasico
6-3	England 3 Hungary 6	1953's Match of the Century - England's first international loss at Wembley
6-4	Tottenham 6 Reading 4	2007, Reading were 4-3 up, but Spurs came back helped by 4 by Berbatov
7-0	Liverpool 7 Man Utd 0	March 2023, Liverpool's biggest ever win over United
7-1	Brazil 1 Germany 7	2014 World Cup Semi-Final, with Germany 5-0 up after 29 minutes
7-2	Aston Villa 7 Liverpool 2	October 2020 lockdown match saw champions Liverpool humbled
7-3	R Madrid 7 E Frankfurt 3	1960 European Cup at Hampden. 127,000 saw Di Stefano & Puskas run riot
7-4	Portsmouth 7 Reading 4	2007 and the highest scoring match in the Premier League era
7-5	Reading 5 Arsenal 7 AET	2012 and the highest scoring match in League Cup history
8-0	Chelsea 8 Wigan 0	2010 win sealed the Premier League title for Chelsea
8-1	Middlesbro 8 Man City 1	2008 and Sven-Goran Eriksson's final game in charge of City
8-2	Man Utd 8 Arsenal 2	2011 delight for Ferguson over Wenger at Old Trafford
9-0	Man Utd 9 Ipswich 0	I was at the reverse fixture in September 1994 when Ipswich won 3-2!
9-1	Tottenham 9 Wigan 1	2009 – I was glad I had Jermain Defoe in my fantasy team (5 goals)
10-0	Spain 10 Tahiti 0	2013 Fifa Confederations Cup game, with Fernando Torres scoring 4.

JOHN GLENCROSS



ALAN HOLT

Born in Edinburgh Alan began his football with Edinburgh Thistle before he signed an "S" Form with Hearts in Season 1971/72.

At the start of Season 1973/74, Falkirk manager John Prentice signed young 18-yearold Holt. Holt spent three seasons at Brockville, making 70 appearances and scoring 6 goals.

Alloa Athletic manager Hugh Wilson signed Alan Holt on the 10th March 1978, and made his debut the following day against Hearts at Recreation Park. Initially six-foot one Holt played in defence, but he developed into a midfield player who could score goals.

Alloa Athletic fans will never forget the Scottish Cup tie v. Hearts on 26th January 1980, when Alloa led Hearts 1-0 courtesy of Alan Holt's goal, only for Referee W.McLeish (Stonehouse) to abandon the game after 50 minutes due to fog, which robbed "The Wasps" of a great Cup success. The game was rescheduled for Wednesday 30th January 1980, when Hearts managed to win the reply 1-0 with a 34th minute goal from Cammy Fraser.

At the end of season 1980/81 Holt was named Alloa Athletic "Player of the Year", Alex Totten had now replaced Alloa manager Hugh Wilson and Alex preferred to play Alan Holt in midfield where he would always be likely to grab a goal. During Season 1981/82 promotion was won at Station Park, against Forfar Athletic by a single lan Smith goal which was enough to win promotion along with Champions, Clyde. The Wasps

made it very difficult with only that last day win in their final four fixtures, drawing two and losing to local rivals Stirling Albion, however everyone at Station Park soon forgot the drama.

In Season 1982/83 Holt was to partner Willie Garner in defence again with Garner also taking over the penalty responsibility which in past had fell to Alan Holt

At the start of Season 1983/84 Alan Holt was signed by Terry Christie for Meadowbank Thistle where he ended his senior career. In total Alan Holt made 195 appearances for "The Wasps" scoring 45 goals

Sadly, Alan passed away in January 2025 aged 68. Everyone at Alloa Athletic FC sends condolences to Alan's family at this sad time.

JOHN GLENCROSS



JAN HALUP

Born:- 28th February 1950 Died 29th January 2025 Age 74

Jan began his footballing career with Sauchie, when he signed for them on 9th September 1967. The following season after attracting attention playing normally as an outside left Jan moved to Clackmannan Juniors on 17th August 1968.

In no time he was attracting the attention of the senior clubs and Alloa Athletic manager Archie "Curly" McPherson moved quickly to secure his signature, signing for "The Wasps" on 14th January 1969. He made his debut the following Saturday 18th January 1969 at Recreation Park in a Second Division League fixture which finished 3-3.

It was a difficult season for "The Wasps" finishing second bottom in the league with only Stenhousemuir below them. Motherwell finishing Second Division Champions.

Jan was to make eleven first team appearances for "The Wasps" before deciding to return to the juniors again with Clackmannan.

Jan Halup and his friend,

ex-football colleague George "Podge" Lumsden who he played with at Clackmannan were recent visitors to the Alloa Athletic Football Memorabilia Exhibition and loved looking at the old pictures and going through old football programmes, Jan being very upbeat about finding his name in an old Alloa athletic programme from Season 1968/69.

Everyone at Alloa Athletic FC would like to send condolences to Jan's family at this sad time.





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St Johnstone	Home	LC	3-2	Win			90	90	90		90 🚱	90			
Greenock Morton	Away	LC	2-1	Loss			90	90	90		90	90			
Queen of the South	Home	L1	0-0	Draw			90	90	90			90		90	
Dumbarton	Away	L1	3-3	Draw			90	90 🚱	90			90		90	
Stenhousemuir	Home	L1	1-0	Win			90	90	90		29	90		61	
Annan Athletic	Away	L1	0-1	Win			90	90	90		90	90			
Arbroath	Away	L1	0-0	Draw			90	90	90		90	90		6	
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Inverness	Home	L1	2-2	Draw			90	90			90	90		90	
Kelty	Home	L1	1-0	Win			90	90			90	90		90	
Montrose	Away	L1	2-2	Draw			90	90			90 🚱	90		90	
Cove Rangers	-	L1	0-2	Loss			90	90	90		45	78		12	41
Arbroath	Home	CC	1-0	Win	90			90	90			90		90	
Stenhousemuir	Away	L1	1-0	Win			90	90	90		90	90			
Arbroath	Home	L1	0-1	Loss			90	90	46		42	90		90	
Annan Athletic	Home	L1	5-0	Win			90	90			90	90		90	
Queen of the South	Away	L1	1-1	Draw			90	90	90		90	90			
Dunfermline	Away	CC	1-0	Loss	90			90			90	90		90	
Inverness	Away	L1	1-0	Loss			90	90	90		90	90			
Dumbarton	Away	SC	3-2	Loss			90	90	90		90	90			
Dumbarton	Home	L1	2-2	Draw			90	90	90⊕		90	90			
Kelty	Away	L1	0-2	Win			90	90∰	75		90	90			
Montrose	Home	L1	1-2	Loss			90	90			90	90		90⊕	
Cove Rangers	Away	L1	2-0	Loss			90	90			90	90		90	
Stenhousemuir	Home	L1	1-3	Loss			90	90			90	90		45	
Arbroath	Away	L1	1-3	Win			90	90			90	90∰		90	
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APPEARANCES

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OGAYI	GOAL	0 (0)	- 0	3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	8 (1)	0	
PARRY	GOAL	0 (0)	- o	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	138 (0)	0	
MORRISON	GOAL	24 (0)	0	5 (0)	0	29 (0)	0	54 (1)	0	
TAGGART	DEF	24 (0)	3	8 (0)	2	32 (0)	- 5	289 (2)	19	
WATERS	DEF -	13 (0)	1	7 (0)	0	20 (0)	1	53 (0)	2	
GRAHAM	DEF -	0 (0)	- o	0 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	190 (8)	14	
NEILL	DEF	20 (2)	1	6 (0)	1	26 (2)	2	54 (2)	1	
DEWAR	DEF	3 (0)	0	0 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	3 (0)	0	
МСКАУ	DEF	21 (0)	1	8 (0)	0	29 (0)	1	35 (5)	2	
THOMSON	DEF	15 (3)	1	2 (3)	0	17 (6)	1	15 (3)	1	
DEVINE	DEF	0 (1)	0	1 (0)	0	1 (1)	0	33 (4)	0	
HETHERINGTON	MID	13 (2)	0	5 (1)	0	18 (3)	0	170 (35)	6	
CAWLEY	MID	12 (7)	1	7 (1)	3	19 (8)	4	352 (62)	65	
ROBERTS	MID	5 (0)	0	4 (0)	0	9 (0)	0	41 (0)	4	
NEVANS	MID	0 (3)	0	0 (4)	0	0 (7)	0	0 (3)	0	
SCOUGALL	MID	17 (3)	2	6 (0)	1	23 (3)	3	99 (25)	10	
VIRTANEN	MID	12 (4)	0	2 (1)	0	14 (5)	0	25 (15)	1	
O'DONNELL	MID	15 (7)	3	2 (2)	0	17 (9)	3	48 (48)	6	
MULLEN	MID	3 (2)	0	1 (3)	0	4 (5)	0	3 (2)	0	
MCDONNELL	MID	4 (8)	0	0 (1)	0	4 (9)	0	4 (8)	0	
HONEYMAN	MID	1 (6)	0	0 (1)	0	1 (7)	0	1 (6)	0	
DONNELLY	FWD	19 (3)	6	5 (3)	2	24 (6)	8	37 (30)	15	
SAMMON	FWD	7 (15)	5	3 (3)	1	10 (18)	6	69 (59)	32	
BUCHANAN	FWD	18 (6)	1	7 (0)	0	25 (6)	1	28 (33)	3	
RANKIN	FWD	16 (3)	5	6 (0)	3	22 (3)	8	16 (14)	6	
GENTLES	FWD	2 (1)	1	0 (0)	0	2 (1)	1	2 (1)	1	



ALLOA CAREER CUP	ALLOA TOTAL	9(4)3	
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35 (0) - 0	- 173 (0) - 0	RUARI & BRIAN CUTHBERT-IMRIE	NEIL PARRY ALLOA SUPPORTERS CLUB
19 (0) - 0	- 73 (1) - 0	DEREK YULE	-
66 (1) - 5	- 355 (3) - 24	BEN WOODRUFF	THE JOLLY BOYS
18 (0)	- 71 (0) - 3	DAVIS DISTRIBUTION	-
54 (3)	- 244 (11) - 15	JOYCE & THE PIE HUT	-
12 (1) 2	- 66 (3) - 3	THE WEE FITBA PODCAST	-
0 (0)	3 (0) - 0	-	-
- 13 (2) - 0	48 (7) – 2	GLENN SAUNDERS	-
2 (3) - 0	- 17 (6) - 1	JOHN SPENCE	-
3 (1) - 0	- 36 (5) - 0	JON CARRUTHERS	-
38 (10) - 1	- 208 (45) - 7	THE JOLLY BOYS	MCCALLUM ENGINEERING
74 (13) - 15	- 426 (75) - 80	AIMEE BURGESS	BEES ON THE PRIMROSE
10 (1) 0	- 51 (1) - 4	BRAIN DAMAGED BARON	ANDREW WILSON
0 (4)	0 (7)	MAYFIELD MOTORS	-
25 (8) - 3	- 124 (33) - 13	STUART LATHAM	JOHN SPENCE
5 (4) - 0	30 (19) - 1	ANDY@MAGNAFIBRE	-
14 (7)	62 (55) - 7	ROBERTSON CARPET & FLOORING	GARAGEGYMREVISITED.COM
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13 (4)	41 (37) - 4	HAMISH COMRIE	-
6 (6) - 3	22 (20) - 9	CALLUM MCTAGGART	CRAIG GRACE
0 (0) - 0	2 (1) - 1	-	-



KELTY HEARTS

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New Central Park, Kelty

TOP HONOURS*

LEAGUE 2

Winners: 2021-22

LOWLAND LEAGUE

Winners: 2019-20,

2021-22

EAST OF SCOTLAND FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Winners: 2014-15, 2016-17

SCOTTISH JUNIOR CUP

Runners up: 1998-99, 2006-07

EAST REGION SUPER LEAGUE

Winners 2014-15,2016-

This afternoon Alloa return to the Indodrill after a fortnight on the road to play Kelty Hearts. Both the sides are locked tied on 31 points, however, with the visitor's superior goal difference, they sit in 5th above the Wasps. Kelty also have played two games less than Andy Graham's men making this afternoon's clash even more important in the race to the play-offs. With the Scottish Cup on last weekend, they have had a weekend off to recover and reflect after a disappointing result at the start of February. They fell to a 3-1 defeat at home to

Annan Athletic, a result that surprised most. It was the first game after a month of change at New Central Park with a new manager at the helm and changes to the playing squad, so the week off will no doubt have given time to bed in new ideas within the team.

THE BOSS – CHARLIE MULGREW

Following the long process of Michael Tidser making the switch from Kelty Hearts to Dunfermline, the opposition followed their usual philosophy of awarding young Scottish managers the chance

of their first position. Following the footsteps of Barry Ferguson, Kevin Thomson, and of course, Michael Tidser, Keltv have appointed former Scotland international, Charlie Mulgrew as their new manager. The 38-year-old has been working through his UEFA coaching badges whilst managing the highly reputable Hamilton Academical under-18 side. Most supporters will know his playing profile having won five league titles and two Scottish Cups as part of a successful Celtic side. He now ventures into a new chapter of his career where he will manage ex-team-







mate, Scott Allan, and other young players who have had similar starts to their journey as he did. Mulgrew will be assisted by former midfielder, Mark Kerr, who has had coaching experience at Ayr United. Both will be looking to notch their first victory of their tenure following the disappointing opener against Annan Athletic.

THE CAPTAIN THOMAS O'WARE

When Michael Tidser made the switch to player-manager, he trusted experienced defender Thomas O'Ware with his captain's armband. The 31-year-old has been a mainstay for Kelty over his time having recently made his 100th appearance

for the club at the start of 2025 against Alloa. The former Greenock Morton and Partick Thistle man has a wealth of experience in the lower leagues and was pivotal to Kelty's triumph of League 2 and consolidation in the league above too. With experience of coaching too at Queen's Park, O'Ware is a natural leader both on and off the park for a young Kelty side. Having only missed one game this season, he has been an integral part of both Tidser's side and no doubt Mulgrew's going forward.

TRANSFER WINDOW

The obvious addition in January was in the dugout for Kelty with the arrival of Mulgrew and Kerr. That did mean that Tidser, who had not only been their manager, but an important part of their midfield too, had departed. Also, leaving the club was Scott Williamson who has been on red hot form for Kelty. Williamson had scored nine goals for the club before returning to his parent club Queen's Park. That move was only temporary though as he was released, freeing up a permanent move to Clyde in League 2, where he hit the ground running with his first goal last weekend. Mulgrew was able to move in the window to secure the loan signings of Liam McLeish and Blaine McClure to the club. McLeish joins from Queen's Park and despite having not played a lot of football recent-

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BY KIEREN MOONEY

ly, bagged a goal on his debut against Annan. McClure, who is 17-years-old, joins on loan from Rangers.

ONE TO WATCH - ROSS CUNNIGHAM

Players to watch may have been the recently departed Williamson and Tidser, however, Kelty still have plenty of firepower to keep Alloa wary. Ross Cunningham has been a thorn in many Alloa sides of the past with his contributions on the goal front. He is the top scorer in the division with 11 strikes in 21 appearances. None of those goals have come against the Wasps, so he will be looking to break his duct with a goal today. Not only is his finding the back of the net but he has a couple of assists to his name too, making him an allround threat. Cunnigham was not in the squad for the side's

3-1 defeat to Annan but the two games prior under interim management, he was awarded the captain's armband for his strong performances too.

THE CONNECTION

Kelty have a solitary player returning to their former side this afternoon. 22-year-old midfielder Murray Miller will come back to where he spent a short period on loan in 2022/23. The Aussie scored two goals during his time at Alloa, one of those being a goal of the season contender. Since joining Kelty this summer, he was a mainstay in the League Cup campaign in the centre of the park. He will only be returning in the stands though having not played for Kelty since the middle of September. Miller has spent a few games as an unused substitute before dropping out the squad completely at the start of October. There are no

current Alloa players who have played for Kelty Hearts.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

This will be the side's third meeting of the season so far and it has been a fixture that Alloa have enjoyed so far. The opener here at the Indodrill was a closely fought affair which the Wasps came out 1-0 winners. Veteran striker, Conor Sammon, was the hero that day scoring the winner in the second half. The return fixture at New Central Park was another victory for Graham's side, this time 2-0. Luke Donnelly opened the scoring for the visitors before a 95th minute penalty from Scott Taggart sealed the three points for Alloa. That penalty contributed to the skipper's impeccable record from the spot of 12 successive penalties scored in a row, and one of six that have been beyond the 90th minute.

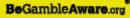




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LOOKING BACK 18TH FEBRUARY 1989

In the fourth round of The Scottish Cup, holders Celtic stayed on course to retain the trophy, after they rather comfortably disposed of First Division Clydebank, who were looking to regain Premier Division status, by 4-1 at Celtic Park. But The Celts fierce local rivals Rangers, seeking a first Scottish Cup success in eight years, progressed to the quarter-finals in rather more emphatic fashion, when they overwhelmed Second Division promotion hopefuls Stranraer, by 8-0 at Ibrox. In the two all-Premier Division ties. Aberdeen and Dundee United faced a replay, after a 1-1 draw at Pittodrie.

while at Easter Road. Hibs triumphed 2-1 v Motherwell, Alloa meantime, hoping to reach the guarter-finals for the first time since 1961, remained on course to achieve that particular ambition, when they forced a replay v First Division strugglers Oueen Of The South, after a 0-0 draw at Palmerston. And The Wasps had lined up as follows: Ronnie Lowrie, Larry Haggart, Robert Lee (Alan Rodgers), Andy Millen, Keith McCulloch, John Gibson, Billy Blackie (Angus Smith), Stevie Ramsay, Mungo McCallum, Ian Lee, Charlie Lytwyn. However, in the replay on 22nd February Alloa defeated QOS 4 -2 with goals from Steve Ramsay, Charlie Lytwyn & a double from Angus Smith. Hearts overcame First Division strugglers Partick by 2-0 at Tynecastle, and in the two ties involving First Division clubs, Morton triumphed 1-0 at Meadowbank, while St. Johnstone were 2-0 home winners y Forfar

With no games in The Premier Division, it was "as you were" at both ends of the table. As Rangers were still two points clear at the top, followed by Dundee United, Celtic and Aberdeen, while Hamilton Accies were well adrift at the bottom. Matters were also unchanged at the top of The First Division,

with leaders Dunfermline three points clear of second-placed Airdrie, while Falkirk and Clydebank were third and fourth respectively. Just one game in fact took place in The First, a rather important basement clash at Rugby Park, where fourth-bottom Kilmarnock hosted second-bottom Clyde. And the game ended goalless, though the point enabled Killie to move up one place. But The Bully Wee's own position remained unchanged, while Partick and Ayr lay immediately above them.

In The Second Division, the day's top game took place at Hampden, where third-placed Queen's Park hosted table-toppers Albion Rovers, The Spiders emerging victorious by 3-2. Thus The Wee Rovers advantage was reduced to three points over over second-placed Brechin, who were held 1-1 at East Stirling. Queen's Park retained third spot, gameless Stranraer were still fourth, fifth-placed Stirling Albion were held 2-2 at bottom

club Berwick, while Alloa, another side inactive due to their Scottish Cup commitments, remained in eighth place.

Down in England, it was FA Cup fifth round day. And the previous season's winners Wimbledon reached the guarter-finals, after they came from behind to defeat Fourth Division Grimsby by 3-1 at Plough Lane. Runners-up Liverpool also progressed to the last eight, after they transformed a 1-2 half-time deficit v Hull of The Second Division, into a 3-2 success. Everton and Manchester United, two of the other favourites, were also up against Second Division opposition, and both had slightly mixed fortunes. For while The Toffees triumphed 1-0 at Barnsley, United were held 1-1 at their FA Cup conquerors of five years previous. Bournemouth. In the other ties. Third Division Brentford surprised Blackburn of The Second by 2-0 at Ewood Park, First Division title contenders Norwich overcame Third Division promotion hopefuls Sheffield United by 3-2 at Carrow Road, West Ham were 1-0 winners at London rivals Charlton, while the Watford v Nottingham Forest time took place the following day.

In The First Division, leaders Arsenal, despite being 0-0 at struggling London rivals QPR, still moved four points ahead of gameless second-placed Norwich. Manchester United still occupied third place, while West Ham, another inactive side, still propped up the table.

Second Division leaders Chelsea's 1-0 win at Plymouth kept them a point clear of second-placed Manchester City, who were also victorious on their travels, by 2-0 at struggling Birmingham, while Watford, despite being gameless, still occupied third place.

HALF TIME QUIZ

- 1. JOSH GENTLES SCORED HIS FIRST GOAL ON THE FIRST START OF HIS SENIOR CAREER AGAINST DUMBARTON TO BECOME THE SECOND YOUNGEST GOALSCORER FOR THE WASPS. WHO WAS THE YOUNGEST?
- 2. RANGERS WERE KNOCKED OUT OF THE SCOTTISH CUP BY QUEEN'S PARK IN A MASSIVE SHOCK. WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THE SPIDERS BEAT THEIR CITY NEIGHBOURS?
- 3. CELTIC START THEIR DOUBLE HEADER AGAINST BAYERN MUNICH FOR A PLACE IN THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE LAST 16. VINCENT KOMPANY'S SIDE HAVE LOST JUST ONE GAME IN THE BUNDESLIGA SO FAR TO WHICH TEAM?
- 4. KELTY HEARTS NEW BOSS CHARLIE MULGREW ONCE FEATURED IN A CHAMPIONS LEAGUE LAST 16 TIE AGAINST WHICH EUROPEAN HEAVYWEIGHT?
- 5. WHICH SCOTTISH MANAGER PICKED UP THE MANAGER OF THE MONTH AWARD IN PORTUGAL'S TOP DIVISION?



FANS VIEW

The SPFL highlighted this week that there's just 7 points between 1st and 6th in Wlliam Hill League 1. But are we still in a title race?

First thing to consider is the games in hand. Arbroath who have strengthened significantly this January are angling for a 43 point tally after their game in hand which would peg Alloa back 12 points behind the leaders assuming they overcome Kelty Hearts and Dumbarton.

Unfortunately, that makes for some grim reading as making up 12 points over 12 games becomes very precarious. It would require a significant upturn in form; over the first 12 games Alloa bagged 20 points and only were spared top spot by Cove Rangers scoring more with the same goal difference. Today's opponents Kelty for reference had a solid 6th place with a balanced 4W/4D/4I.

Over the middle third of the season the picture is far starker. Only two sides sport a worse record than the Wasps and even then it's on the margins of goal difference with Dumbarton and Montrose. Alloa have shipped a staggering 13 less points than the resurgent Inverness (Although Arbroath's games in hand may well make that

difference 14).

The winning tally for League One may be the worst in over a decade ignoring the aborted COVID campaigns and that might provide some heartening if Alloa can build a perfect run. In 2014/15 Greenock Morton managed to win a three way title race against Stranraer and Forfar with just 69 points. Arbroath managed 70 the last time they won league 1 2018/19. We're sure to be in for some exciting twists and turns if the form table flips again.

In the 14 games played between the top 6 its interesting to see that there's just 4 points difference. It's interesting to consider the other teams though who have been the driver of the big swings. Inverness who'll still harbour hopes of finishing in the playoffs would be sitting one point from the top if they hadn't been dropped into administration. Montrose are enduring their worst season in a long while but have rolled the dice with Owen Stirton. Callum Sandilands, Kieran Freeman and biggest name of all Craig Wighton, Annan Athletic meanwhile went on a memorable run to escape the relegation playoffs - this week they moved above Montrose but there's still plenty of fight in

the borders side. Unfortunately that leaves Dumbarton who would cut adrift by 4 points but they might have hope against Arbroath in their upcoming game in hand as they've taken 4 points to Arbroath's one in their previous meetings. Just for reference Alloa's record against the bottom 4 in a mini league would have us in the relegation playoff!

But that's all if, buts and maybes with what the other teams do. The bottom line will be for Alloa to begin a winning run and despite two tentative starts there have been green shoots of recovery for the Wasps. The

two seventeen year olds have both contributed with my particular eye being caught by centre half Charlie Dewar who's not frightened to carry the ball forward on a run from centre half to commit opposition players. Josh Gentles too has managed a goal and an assist in consecutive starts and the return of Kurtis Roberts and Calum Waters couldn't come at a better time. If Alloa are going to go for a first league titles since Paul Hartley's time in the old Third Division, the requirement becomes clear win by any means possible and keep winning.

TOP SIX HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

#	Club	<u>Pl</u> 1	<u>w</u> 1	<u>D</u> ‡	<u>L</u> 1	Goals ‡	GD ‡	Pts 1	Points per match ‡
1	Stenhousemuir	14	6	2	6	16:17	-1	20	1.43
2	② Cove Rangers	13	6	1	6	21:17	4	19	1.46
3	Alloa Athletic	13	5	4	4	11:11	0	19	1.46
4	Kelty Hearts	11	5	2	4	17:11	6	17	1.55
5	Arbroath	12	5	1	6	16:19	-3	16	1.33
6	Queen o. t. S.	13	4	4	5	12:18	-6	16	1.23

ALLOA VS THE BOTTOM HALF MINI LEAGUE

#	Club	<u>Pl</u> ‡	<u>w</u> :	<u>D</u> 1	<u>L</u> t	Goals 1	GD 1	Pts 1	Points per match ‡
1	Inverness CT	11	6	3	2	17:11	6	21	1.91
2	Annan Athletic	11	4	2	5	13:17	-4	14	1.27
3	₩ Montrose	10	3	4	3	15:15	0	13	1.30
4	Alloa Athletic	11	2	6	3	20:17	3	12	1.09
5	Dumbarton	11	2	5	4	15:20	-5	11	1.00

QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. SCOTT HYND SCORED AT 15 YEARS & 267 DAYS IN 2013 JOSH GENTLES 17 YEARS 129 DAYS
- 2. IT WAS THE SPIDERS' FIRST WIN OVER RANGERS SINCE 1948, AND THE FIRST TIME THEY'D BEATEN THEIR CITY RIVALS IN THE SCOTTISH CUP SINCE 1882
- 3. MAINZ
- 4. JUVENTUS CELTIC LOST 5-0 ON AGGREGATE.
- 5. IAN CATHRO- HIS ESTORIL PRAIA SIDE MANAGED TO BE UNDEFEATED ACROSS JANUARY WHILE WINNING THEIR LAST FIVE GAMES







ALLOA ATHLETIC



KELTY HEARTS



REFEREE: JORDAN CURRAN **ASST:** STEVEN TRAYNOR & WILL PARE

ALLOA'S NEXT FIVE

08.03.25, INDODRILL STADIUM, 15:00

15.03.25. PALMERSTON PARK. 15:00

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