

Ayr United FC

Programme

Ayr United

versus

Kilmarnock

Tuesday 26th October, 2021.

Kick-off 7.45pm

Somerset Park



Chit-Chat

This programme comes to you with a subtle rebranding. You may have noticed that the title 'unofficial programme' has had the word 'unofficial' dropped. Branding it unofficial was superfluous since it is not running in opposition to an official programme. Thank you for all your messages of support but please remember David Sargent for his outstanding photographic contributions. On the subject of outstanding contributions let's hear it for Graham Steel, twenty-three years at the club and now standing down as kitman. His successor is George Owens who commendably views his appointment as a boyhood dream. Lynne Watson is also deserving of a special



mention. She is the club's catering manager and this month marks twenty-five years at Ayr United for her. Let's now replenish the stock of congratulations to recognise the sterling efforts of our chairman, David Smith. He is to be commended for being the driving force behind the Somerset Hub which is now very close to completion. There is a lazy argument that

Somerset Park has not changed since the 1950s. In some ways this can work to our advantage because it promotes the notion that it is a daunting ground for the opposition to visit. Clichéd rhetoric will even use words like ramshackle. It is all palpable nonsense which we will likely have to endure again at Scottish Cup time. Space will not be wasted here rhyming off the gradual changes. You can see the ground for yourself. An appropriate analogy would be Trigger's broom. Old Lady Somerset is looking splendid and don't let anyone tell you otherwise.



Left to right: Alan Murray, David Smith, Graham Steel and William Houston.

Now to onfield matters. As a spectacle Saturday's match at Arbroath was hardly a masterclass in textbook football. This is not intended as a criticism. It really could not have been any other way. Arbroath boss Dick Campbell is not the type of man who calls a spade a gardening implement. In his post match interview he said: *"Ah don't think thur wid be a great fitbaw match onywhere in Scoatland the day. It wisnae jist Arbroath where the wind wis blawin."* He is tremendous for articulating his point of view precisely as he sees it. Yet again though the wind is a point of discussion in connection with a game at Gayfield. It is hardly surprising for a ground that juts out into the North Sea. This links beautifully to the recollection of Mikey Donald preparing to take a corner-kick there then getting soaked by a wave coming over the sea wall. Saturday's draw has to be considered a good result in the context of being a goal down with ten minutes to go. Thank you Mr Afolabi!



The equaliser.

Now to the more pressing issue of the Kilmarnock match. The news that the referee will be Nick Walsh is likely to induce a collective groan. Mr Walsh is probably a good referee on his day. Unfortunately that day was not 14th August, 2021, when he was here to handle our League Cup tie against Dundee United. It would be tempting to list our grievances from that match but they have already been aired in a past issue and are no doubt fresh in the memory anyway. Lest there be accusations of Ayr United bias you may be told that is was the unanimous view of neutral opinion that 'we wuz robbed'!

We have already had one derby this season although it is debatable whether it could have been termed a derby in view of the fact that it was missing one vital derby ingredient. That missing ingredient was rival fans! To date it has been the only

Ayrshire derby attended by one set of fans only. During the BBC commentary we were persistently reappraised of the observation that the home fans were getting behind their team but no one considered it worthy to comment on the rationale behind it. Tonight, of course, will be more like a proper derby with opposing fans exchanging pleasantries from their respective ends. The appetite for these matches is as strong as ever, albeit that we may wish to reminisce about an age when the individual onfield battles were Ingram versus McGrory or Murphy versus McLean.

On the injury front we must look forward to Daire O'Connor, Michael Hewitt, Jordan Houston and Sean McGinty coming back into contention. Being spoiled for choice is the one problem Jim Duffy would welcome.

Duncan Carmichael.

The James Maxwell Interview



When a player joins a club you will occasionally hear the tired old cliché “I was a boyhood fan.” In many cases it is laughable because the ‘boyhood fan’ is a player from abroad whose only connection with the club is the somewhat tenuous one of having seen them on television. However let’s not be too dismissive. There are players who genuinely did support the club they went on to play for. Ayr United examples could include such as David Kennedy, Garry Agnew and Ryan Stevenson. To their ranks we can now add the name of James Maxwell. He was initially a member of the Ayr United Youth Academy but that link was broken when the family moved to the Falkirk area. This summer he returned to the club on loan from Rangers.

When asked about his earliest Ayr United memory he replied: *“The first game I remember was a cup replay at Kilmarnock and I can remember being the mascot for a game against Stranraer.”* The Kilmarnock game James referred to took place on 22nd January, 2009.

From that piece of information it took very little detection to unearth the fact that the game at which he was the mascot dated to 7th March, 2009. It was top versus bottom and Ayr United won 5-0. The following piece

appeared in the programme. Incidentally the last bit of the questionnaire refers to his Dad Stuart being a Stranraer fan. Here is Stuart's explanation: *"I was born and bred in Portpatrick so did all my youth and teenage watching of football at Stair Park! I'm one of those rare and unpopular breeds that switched allegiance when I moved to Ayr. I still keep an eye on Stranraer results but my first team is Ayr."*

AUFC
Match Mascot

Mascot's name: James Maxwell
Age: 7
Primary school: Alloway PS
Fav subject: Maths
Fav AUFC player: Ryan Stevenson
Fav food: Spaghetti Bolognese
Favourite TV prog:
Match of The Day
Hobbies: Playing football & tennis
What I want to be when I grow up:
Professional Footballer
More info: Plays for Southside FC.
Dad is a Stranraer supporter!!!



The ambition of the 7-year-old mascot was fulfilled.

It has to be the dream of any Ayr United supporter to score the winner at the Somerset Road end and it looked as if James was on course for achieving that aim when he appeared to have broken the deadlock in the last home game against Queen of the South. How did he feel when the celebrations were stifled by the sight of the linesman's flag? *"I didn't think it was offside but you just have to get on with it."* Compounding the situation was the fact that minutes after thinking that we were a goal up we then went a goal down. James put his stamp all over the comeback. He was chopped down for a penalty from which Aaron Muirhead equalised. Then, in the 79th minute, the glory that James had been robbed of became his for real. On being asked what went through his head at the time he said: *"I could see the shot was going in when Tommi stepped back."*

When it was put to him that his parent club Rangers will probably be aware of such performances he gave a very reassuring reply that will cheer the Ayr United support. *"Yes they will be aware but that is not at the back of my mind. I am doing it for Ayr United."* Does he do any training with Rangers? *"No. Not with the Covid situation."* Incidentally his Rangers contract runs until the end of the season. One final question. Can you score the winning goal against Kilmarnock? *"I will do my best."* Yes James

we are confident that you will indeed do your best. As a postscript it would be remiss to omit mention of his 87th minute goal line clearance at Arbroath on Saturday. He seems to pop up all over the field.



James (along with the rest of us) enjoying that scoring feeling.

Tonight's Visitors Kilmarnock

There is an old proverb which tells us that a new broom sweeps clean. If the proverb is to be believed we can draw the conclusion that a new broom has swept through Rugby Park since the end of last season. In highlighting the major turnover of players there is no implication that Kilmarnock are being singled out. Player movement on such a scale is now habitual throughout the Scottish game.

Players out: Gary Dicker, Clevid Dikamona, Aaron Tshibola, Youssouf Mulumbu, George Oakley, Diaguely Dabo, Nicke Kabamba, Danny Whitehall, Danny Rogers, Ally Taylor, Greg Kiltie, Mitch Pinnock, Kyle Lafferty, Alan Power, Eamonn Brophy, Ross Millen, Kirk Broadfoot, Aaron McGowan, Kyle Connell and Danny Rogers. In the category of loan players returning: Zeno Ibsen Rossi, Zech Medley and Brandon Pierrick. More recently Innes Cameron has gone to Queen of the South on loan.



Players in: Euan Murray (Dunfermline Athletic), Daniel Armstrong (Raith Rovers), Blair Alston (Falkirk), Scott Robinson (Livingston), Jack Sanders (Wigan Athletic), Oli

Shaw (Ross County), Stephen McGinn (Hibs), Chris Stokes (Forest Green Rovers), Jason Naismith (Ross County), Fraser Murray (Hibs), Brad Lyons (Blackburn Rovers), Liam Polworth (Motherwell), RumarinBurrell (on loan from Middlesbrough) and Zach Hemming (on loan from Middlesbrough).

It is something of a rarity to host Kilmarnock in a league game tonight. Last season they danced over the relegation trapdoor in the closing weeks but few, if any, expected them to fall through it. From the outside looking in it appeared that Kyle Lafferty was on a one-man mission to haul them clear of danger. Then it came down to a 'them or us' play-off against Dundee and we all know what the outcome was.

Acclimatising to life in the Championship does not carry a guarantee of everything being straightforward. Dundee United took four seasons to escape back to the Premier League. It took Hibs three seasons and even the vastly supported Rangers



needed two attempts to get out of the second tier. The question of who will get promoted this season is complex. Kilmarnock have done well to get into contention but this league is so difficult to predict. So many results are inconsistent with form. On Saturday they beat Hamilton Accies 2-1 at Rugby Park. Hamilton Accies! Now there's a team who know all about the inconsistency just referred to. They beat league leaders Inverness Caledonian Thistle then lost 6-1 to Partick Thistle in their next home league match. Kilmarnock's win on Saturday ended a run of three league games without a win.

We will have to be wary of the attacking threat posed by Oli Shaw and Callum Hendry but the most potent force in this match will be the gut determination by both sides to achieve a much cherished victory. Make no mistake this is more than just another league fixture.

On This Day : 26th October

26th October 1929

Queen's Park 2 Ayr United 3 (League)

Team: Hepburn, Robertson, Fleming, Turnbull, McLeod, McCall, Nisbet, Tolland, Hart, Brae and Ferguson.

Queen's Park: Peden, Campbell, Wiseman, McDonald, Gillespie, King, Crawford, Fitzgerald, McLelland, McAlpine and McKenzie.

J.B. McAlpine was such a Queen's Park legend that a building at Lesser Hampden is currently named the J.B. McAlpine Pavilion. He was better known as Mutt McAlpine and near half-time he scored the opening goal in this match. It came following a succession of three corner-kicks. Robert Hart was a summer signing from Cowie Juveniles. A week earlier he had scored twice on his league debut, a 6-1 win against



Dundee United at Somerset Park. Here at Hampden he scored a 53rd minute equaliser. Three minutes later Billy Brae scored from a penalty. Robert Hart's 79th minute goal surely meant that the points were safe. Almost but not quite! Douglas McLelland pulled a goal back "close on time". We were left in midtable in the First Division but Queen's Park occupied bottom place.

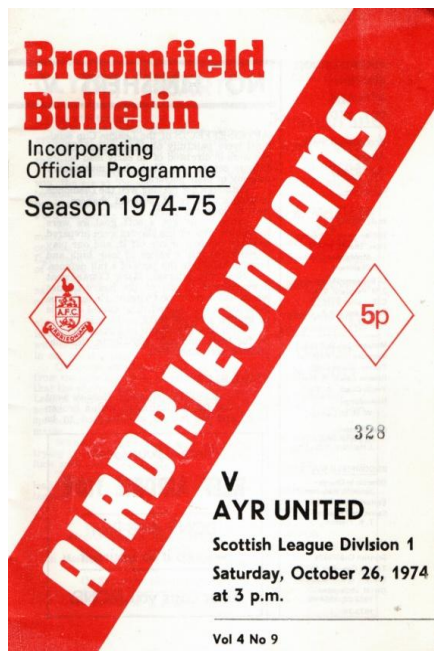
Robert Hart with Wilf Armory on his shoulders. The backdrop is the as-yet uncovered Railway End.

26th October 1974

Airdrie 1 Ayr United 2 (League)

Team: McGiffen, Wells, Murphy, McAnespie, Fleming, Filippi, Doyle, Graham, Ingram, McLean and McCulloch; substitutes – Somner and Mitchell.

Airdrie: McWilliams, Jonquin, Lapsley, Black, McKinlay, Whiteford, Reynolds, McRoberts, McCulloch, Franchetti and McCann; substitutes – Jones and Anderson.



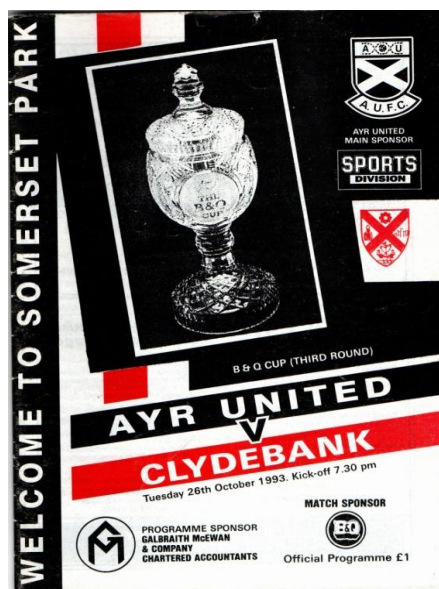
This was a first team debut for 17-year-old goalkeeper Ian McGiffen. He had first played for the reserves at the age of fifteen and was nurtured by Ayr United Boys' Club. To gain experience he had been farmed out to Troon Juniors.

In the 37th minute Alex Ingram headed down a loose ball to Johnny Graham who lashed it beyond Dave McWilliams. The lead was extended in the 64th minute. George McLean was sent clear and he showed great composure in drawing McWilliams from his goal then firing the ball inside the near post. Nine minutes from the end Willie McCulloch scored to set up a potentially tense finish but the match was played out safely with our young debutant goalkeeper showing great composure.

26th October 1993

Ayr United 2 Clydebank 0 (B&Q Cup quarter-final)

Team: Duncan, Kennedy, Robertson, Shotton, Traynor (Hood, half-time), George, Lennox, McGlashan, McGivern, Burns and Bryce (Jack 75); unused substitute – Grierson.



Clydebank: Monaghan, Jack, Thomson, Murdoch, Sweeney, Currie, Landsdowne, Henry, Lee, Walker and Nelson; substitutes – Derek Crawford and Jon Crawford.

A crowd of 1,908 turned out for this Tuesday evening tie but it was necessary to exercise patience in the wait for the first goal. It came in first half stoppage time and it was far from a classic. Scott Murdoch attempted a clearance but only succeeded in slicing it past his own goalkeeper. Oh well they all count! Our clinching goal came with ten minutes left. Sean Sweeney pushed Gregg Hood for a penalty which Hugh Burns converted.

For the semi-final a week later the attendance was 4,309 for the visit of St.Mirren. In a 2-1 defeat we went down by an 86th minute goal by which time we were down to ten men owing to the 70th minute dismissal of Hugh Burns.

26th October 2002

Ayr United 1 Clyde 1 (League)



Team: Nelson, Nicolson (Lyle 74), Lovering, Smyth, Campbell, Craig, Chaplain (Black 88), Murray, Annand, Grady and Sheerin; unused substitutes – Kean, McColl and Dodds.

Clyde: Halliwell, Potter, Mensing, Kernaghan, Kane, Ross, Hagen, Fraser, Nish (Convery 59), Keogh and Hinds (McConalogue 56); unused substitutes – Bossy, Cosgrove and Morrison.

Eddie Annand

The bulk of the 1,989 crowd got silenced when Clyde took an 18th minute lead. Leigh Hinds did well to keep the ball in play on the right hand side and his cross was met by Pat Keogh who controlled it before turning and firing it beyond Craig Nelson. Mercifully the lead lasted for just three minutes. A cross from Paul Sheerin

fell nicely for Eddie Annand who rose above the Clyde defence to score with a header.

With half an hour left we got reduced to ten men. Neil Murray got red-carded for throwing a punch at John Fraser as the two of them challenged for a ball that was running out of play in front of the tunnel. Fraser was shown a yellow card. It was a bad phase for discipline. A week earlier Allan McManus had been sent off at Falkirk and we had Paul Sheerin and Marc Smyth sent off at Arbroath in the next match after the Clyde fixture.

Our All Time League Record Against Kilmarnock

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
At Ayr	56	23	16	17	81	72
At Kilmarnock	56	16	11	29	67	120
Totals	112	39	27	46	148	192

These statistics include the wartime Regional League for season 1939/40 even although this inclusion is not in our favour with two defeats. When the Second World War was declared the Scottish Football Association suspended football. After the suspension was lifted our first game was a 3-1 win at home to Kilmarnock on 23rd September, 1939. That victory is not reflected in the above tabulation because it was a replay of the deferred 1938/39 Ayrshire Cup final. Even this early in the war it was evident that these were abnormal times. The Ayr Advertiser report of that match mentioned that the crowd was only about 4,000 due to people having joined the forces and people being engaged in war work. The tabulation indicates that Kilmarnock have played fifty-six league games at Somerset Park. In truth they have completed fifty-eight league engagements here. On 15th April, 1916, they beat Hearts 3-1 at Ayr. On that day Rugby Park was being used for a Cattle Show. 26th January, 1946, saw Kilmarnock beating Partick Thistle 2-1 at Ayr. The reason given for the switch of venue was "the present state of Rugby Park." Kilmarnock reciprocated when we were permitted to host Rangers at Rugby Park on the evening of 30th August, 1972. This occurred due to a reurfing operation at Somerset Park. It was a League Cup tie which we lost 2-1. Three days later we were back in our own home for the opening of the league programme. Again the opposition was Rangers but this time the 2-1 result was in our favour.

The Kilmarnock league wins at Ayr number seventeen and the Ayr United league wins at Kilmarnock number sixteen. There's not much in it there but the broader picture indicates that we have ground to make up. Particularly damaging were defeats at Rugby Park of 7-2 on 2nd January, 1936, and 6-1 on 30th October, 1976.

Oops sorry! Forgot to give you the 'look away now' warning! That 1976 game remains the only Ayr United away match your writer has been back home from while the game was still in progress.

The biggest Ayr United win in the series also involved a five-goal margin. On the assumption that this was outwith living memory you will now be told the details! The date was 20th September, 1919, and the result was Ayr United 5 Kilmarnock 0. It was an outstanding result considering that Kilmarnock were destined to win that season's Scottish Cup. The scorers were Switcher McLaughlan (33), Jimmy Richardson (42), Jock Smith (54), Billy Crosbie (56) and Johnny Crosbie (87). Note the two Crosbies. They were Glenbuck natives who were cousins. Another of the more conspicuous Ayr United victories was a 3-0 away triumph on New Year's Day 1954. The scorers were Gerry Tracy (14), Ralph Collins (17, own goal) and Willie Japp (80). This was Kilmarnock's first defeat at Rugby Park since Albion Rovers had won 3-0 there on 26th September, 1953.



Johnny Crosbie

On 16th December, 1916, Kilmarnock recorded their first ever league win against Ayr United in what was the eighth match in the series. Prior to that date they had not even succeeded in scoring a league goal versus Ayr United at Somerset Park. On 16th November, 1918, we had our fifth league win at Rugby Park which was remarkable considering our first league game there had been on 13th September, 1913. Please remember that back then the teams played each other twice in the league per season rather than four times.



August 1913 – the month before our first league derby.

This mention of the November 1918 match connects neatly to the story of how our fans got there. The armistice had been signed five days earlier but wartime travelling restrictions were still in place. The rail service was severely restricted as to how many passengers could travel. Demand was so high in relation to supply that the chances of getting a rail ticket to Kilmarnock on this Saturday were slim in the extreme. Despite these difficulties the Ayr United support at Kilmarnock was as good as it would normally have been which naturally begs the question of how they got there. A lot of them cycled. The non-cyclists got a tram to the Prestwick Cross terminus. From there they walked to Riccarton on the outskirts of Kilmarnock. From Riccarton they either continued walking to Rugby Park or completed the short final leg by tram. After a 3-2 win the strenuous journey was reversed. The road between Prestwick and Riccarton was shorter then than it is now. It was more 'as the crow flies'. Nonetheless it was wonderful devotion to the Ayr United cause. The Ayrshire Post printed a beautiful snippet about the travel problems. Your writer will never tire of reproducing this piece.

"The Kaiser has always been famous for the quality of the language he uses when in his high falutin moods, but the flow of flowery composition which was heard in the vicinity of Tam's Brig on Saturday about one o'clock surpasses anything the deposed Hun head was ever father of. The cause of the fiery outburst was the non-materialisation of a certain means of transport to Kilmarnock which had been promised to a coterie of rabid football enthusiasts."

Anyway let us get more up to date lest there be a further flow of flowery composition from any of the readers. Kilmarnock last won a competitive match at Ayr on 2nd January, 1993. From 1993/94 until now the only league derby between the clubs has



been this season's opener at Rugby Park. In the intervening years we have had to contend with cup fare.

Tommi Adeloje

The purpose of this article is to examine league clashes but please forgive the slight digression in the following statistic. Since Kilmarnock won at Ayr on 2nd January, 1967, the

clubs have met here twenty-nine times in competitive matches (League/League Cup/Scottish Cup). The breakdown is sixteen Ayr wins, five Kilmarnock wins and eight draws.

The First Scorer

League fixtures between Ayr United and Kilmarnock have produced a total of 340 goals. Pedantically this statistic may be qualified to state that this total excludes the goals in the abandoned match in 1982 (more of which later). Let us have a look at who scored number one.

The first ever league derby between the clubs was at Rugby Park on 13th September, 1913. The teams were:

Ayr United: Herbertson, Bell, McStay, McDougall, Quinn, Baxter, McKinnell, Robertson, A.H. Goodwin, McGowan and Gray.

Kilmarnock: Grant, Murray, Mitchell, Shortt, Duff, Steel, Clark, Neil, Whittle, Cunningham and Culley.

This was far from the best of days for watching football. It rained heavily all afternoon. Reverting to topic you may be told that the historic first goal came in the 25th minute when Hilly Goodwin scored with a header from an Alec Gray cross. It was the only goal of the match. Kilmarnock fought hard in pursuit of an equaliser and it was fortunate that Sam Herbertson was in inspired form in the Ayr goal. It was far

from the toughest battle of Herbertson's life. At the age of twenty-six he got killed at Gallipoli on 12th July, 1915. He was with the Royal Scots Fusiliers.



A. H. GOODWIN,
Ayr United F.C.

Hilly Goodwin sporting the crimson and gold hoops he wore when scoring that first league derby goal. Until adopting black and white in 1914 these were the Ayr United colours (with blue shorts). There was no colour photography then of course. The photo was tinted.

What do we know about Hilly Goodwin? Incidentally this is not a typo for Billy. His full name was Alex Hill Goodwin and he was always listed with his initials to denote his amateur status.

A day after signing from Ayr Fort Juniors he

scored twice in a 5-1 league win at home to Dumbarton on 1st April, 1911. He was a brother of Jacky Goodwin who had moved from Ayr United to Rangers on amateur terms in November 1910 but was destined to return to Ayr United towards the end of the 1913/14 season. Hilly was a good footballer but an even better runner. In his early youth he won the boys' championship in the Ayr FC Sports at Somerset Park. He then went from one track success to another, mainly in the 100 or 220 yards events, the latter being roughly half the distance of a standard track. The summit of his running career came at Celtic Park on 28th June, 1919. Running under the colours of Maryhill Harriers he won the Scottish Amateur Athletic Championship 100 yards final. This was hardly headline news considering that the Treaty of Versailles was signed on the same afternoon. A year later Hilly failed in his attempt to retain his title at Edinburgh's Powderhall. This had been expected on account of ill health.

During the war he had served in France with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Post war he became involved in the family's ship chandling business in Ayr's North Harbour Street. He became a partner in 1920. On Sunday, 26th September, 1948, he died at his home in Ayr's Quail Road. He had worked the day before and the night before that he had attended the Ice Rink to watch Ayr Raiders. His age was fifty-seven.

The first instance of brothers playing in the same Ayr United team occurred on 13th February, 1915. These brothers were Hilly and Jacky Goodwin. It was a league fixture with the result Rangers 1 Ayr United 3.

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Facebook page.



Who Put The Ball In The Killie Net?

We have scored 148 league goals against Kilmarnock. Here is the list of all the scorers. The wartime Regional League is included.



9 Jimmy Richardson.

5 Alec Beattie : Billy Brae : Alex Ingram : Own goals.

4 Harry Cunningham : Pearson Ferguson.

Jimmy Richardson (Ayr United FC 1914 – 1921 and manager 1923 – 24).

3 Hyam Dimmer : John Doyle : Jimmy Fleming : Danny Masterton : Terry McGibbons : Murdoch McKenzie : John McNiven : Alex Merrie : Billy Middleton : Malky Morrison.

2 Kenny Ashwood : Johnny Crosbie : Willie Japp : Ian McAllister : Neil McBain : Walker

McCall : Davy McCulloch : Tommy McGuigan : Gerry Phillips : Fally Rodger : John Sludden : Jimmy Smith : Henry Templeton : Danny Tolland : Tommy Walker.

1 Garry Agnew : Stewart Auld : Jimmy Brannan : Tommy Bryce : Gerry Christie : Jacky Clark : Jim Cowell : Billy Crosbie : Ally Fraser : Derek Frye : Billy Fulton : David Gemmell : Willie Gibson : Hugh Goldie : Hilly Goodwin : Jacky Goodwin : Lex Grant : Alec Gray : George Hamilton : Ian Harper : Ian Hawkshaw : Neil Hood : Joe Hutton : David Kennedy : Jimmy Marshall : Andy McCall : Ronnie McColl : Hugh McConnell : Charlie McGillivray : Matt McIlwain : Alan McNally : Alastair McIntyre : Stevie McIntyre : Willie McIntyre : Phil McGovern : John McKenzie : Switcher McLaughlan : Norrie McNeil : Jim McSherry : Dougie Mitchell : Eric Morris : John Quinn : Donald Slade : Albert Smith : Jock Smith : Bobby Stevenson : Jock Taylor : Gerry Tracy : William Ure : Jock Wallace : Davy Wells.

Memories Are Made Of This

We have had eleven abandoned matches in our history. The first was on 11th November, 1911, and the most recent occurred on 22nd February, 2020. That last one was on account of the wind at Arbroath. Who'd have guessed? Number eight happened when Kilmarnock visited on 4th January, 1982. Two days earlier there was a postponement due to flooding. It was immediately rescheduled for the Monday



afternoon. The modest attendance of 3,878 was clearly attributable to the blizzards which made it awkward to travel. Brian Gallagher scored for Kilmarnock in six minutes and Eric Morris made it 1-1 twenty minutes later. What should have been half-time instead became full time. Attempts to clear snow from the lines were futile quite apart from the treacherous conditions underfoot. It finished 1-1 when rescheduled to 17th March.

Team: Rennie, Shanks, Ahern, Hendry, McAllister, Fleeting, Frye, Larnach, Morris, Connor and Christie; substitutes – Hume and Ward.

Eric Morris in sunnier climes.



Eric Morris wheels away after scoring a soon-to-be voided goal.



Derek Frye is far right and Eric Morris is far left.

Random Facts

- On 5th June, 1980, Scotland beat England 4-2 in a semi-professional international in Holland. The Scotland goals were all scored by Ayr United players. The scorers were Robert Connor (2), Eric Morris and Gerry Christie.
- The Albion Rovers versus Ayr United League Cup tie on 6th October, 2020, was our first ever competitive match played with no paying spectators.
- Ayr United have lost 1-0 away to Brechin City a total of four times, all in the league. The dates are 3rd March 1956, 18th April 2009, 7th May, 2011, and 5th March, 2016. Each time we have gone on to win promotion that season but neither time as champions.
- In competitive matches Ayr United have exceeded a century of goals in a season eight times. The team of 1968/69 finished on 99. 😊
- The most popular badge in the club's history was first used as a blazer badge in 1956/57. It was first used on the shirts in 1966/67 and last used on the shirts in 2016/17. In each of these three seasons Ayr United got relegated. 😞

Quiz Time (answers on the last page)

1. Name these players then state what they all had in common.



2. Sorry to highlight a misdeed but can you name the Kilmarnock player who got hauled over the wall while attempting to take a throw-in during a league game at Ayr on 12th September, 1970?

3. The largest attendance at an Ayrshire derby is the 27,442 crowd at Rugby Park for a Scottish Cup quarter-final in which year? Tough question alert!



4. He signed for Ayr United on 30th January, 2009, and proceeded to score 55 goals in all competitions for the club up to and including season 2013/14. At the time of signing he was previously of Partick Thistle but his first senior club was Kilmarnock. Can you name him?

5. Kilmarnock last played at Ayr on 14th July, 2017. Who scored the only goal?

6. Ayr United versus Kilmarnock on 30th March, 1985. Kilmarnock supporters can you name the player on the right? Ayr United supporters can you name the player on the left? Please congratulate yourself if you can successfully name both.



AT A GLANCE 2021/22

Name	Previous Club	Date of signing	21/22		Ayr career	
			Apps	Goals	Apps	Goals
Tomi Adelaye	Barnet	01-07-21	14	7	14	7
Jonathan Afolabi	Celtic	Loan	1(7)	1	1(7)	1
Charlie Albinson	Warrington Town	08-07-21	9	0	9	0
Jack Baird	St.Mirren	04-09-20	14	0	48	1
Steven Bradley	Hibs	Loan	4(2)	1	4(2)	1
Joe Chalmers	Ross County	15-09-20	5(3)	0	33(6)	1
Finn Ecrepont	Youth Academy	29-05-18	0(2)	0	0(4)	0
Markus Fjortoft	Morton	27-05-21	8(3)	0	8(3)	0
Michael Hewitt	Rangers	01-05-19	5	0	7(6)	0
Jordan Houston	Rangers	23-01-20	9	0	49(8)	0
James Maxwell	Rangers	Loan	6(3)	1	6(3)	1
Aidan McAdams	Morton	21-06-21	5	0	5	0
Nick McAllister	St.Mirren	27-05-21	4(1)	0	4(1)	0
Sean McGinty	Morton	27-05-21	10(1)	0	10(1)	0
Mark McKenzie	Youth Academy	01-07-19	7(3)	1	16(32)	3
Michael Miller	Raith Rovers	06-08-20	1(3)	0	22(9)	3
Michael Moffat	Dunfermline Athletic	23-05-17	1(5)	0	274(43)	101
Aaron Muirhead	Falkirk	24-01-19	12(1)	1	76(6)	6
Andy Murdoch	Morton	12-07-18	13	1	88(4)	4
Daire O'Connor	Cliftonville	28-07-21	4(2)	0	4(2)	0
Patrick Reading	Stevenage Borough	21-07-20	13	0	37	1
Cameron Salkeld	Morton	25-05-21	9(5)	2	9(5)	2
Paul Smith	Youth Academy	03-07-19	0(1)	0	0(4)	0

Up to and including match played on 23rd October, 2021. Includes League, Scottish Cup, League Cup, Challenge Cup and play-offs. Brackets indicate player going on as a substitute but excludes substitute listings where the player has remained unused.

Ayr United FC Results 2021/22. Home Games and Scorers In Bold.

10-July Albion Rovers 0-0 Lge Cup 150 McAdams
Muirhead Baird McGinty Houston Salkeld Miller Murdoch Reading McKenzie Adelaye Hewitt
Ecrepont Jeanes Smith Shootout lost 4-2

13-July Edinburgh City 3-0 Lge Cup 500 Albinson
Muirhead Baird McGinty Houston Salkeld Hewitt **MURDOCH** Reading McKenzie
ADELOYE2 Ecrepont Jeanes Miller Bilham Smith McAdams

20-July Hamilton Accies 1-0 Lge Cup 801 Albinson
Houston Baird McGinty Reading **SALKELD** Murdoch Muirhead Hewitt McKenzie Adelaye
Miller Chalmers Fjortoft Ecrepont Bilham Jeanes Smith McAdams

24-July Falkirk (3-0) Lge Cup **Forfeited in our favour**

02-Aug Kilmarnock 0-2 League 3,692 Albinson
Houston Baird McGinty Reading Salkeld Murdoch Muirhead Hewitt McKenzie Adelaye
Moffat O'Connor Maxwell Chalmers Fjortoft Afolabi McAdams

07-Aug Arbroath 2-2 League 1,244 Albinson
Fjortoft Baird McGinty Houston Salkeld Murdoch Maxwell Reading O'Connor **ADELOYE**
Muirhead McAllister Chalmers Hewitt **McKENZIE** Afolabi McAdams

14-Aug Dundee United 1-1 aet Lge Cup 2,196 McAdams
Houston Baird Fjortoft Reading Hewitt Murdoch Muirhead Maxwell McKenzie **ADELOYE**
McGinty Miller O'Connor Salkeld McAllister Chalmers Smith Afolabi Albinson Shootout 3-4

21-Aug Inverness CT 0-1 League 2,032 Albinson
Houston Hewitt Fjortoft Baird McGinty Muirhead Murdoch Chalmers McKenzie Adelaye
Moffat Miller (Michael) O'Connor Salkeld Afolabi Ecrepont Miller (Mateusz)

07-Sep Raith Rovers 0-2 League 1,204 McAdams
Houston Baird Fjortoft Reading McAllister Muirhead Chalmers Maxwell McKenzie Adelaye
McGinty Moffat O'Connor Salkeld Bradley Afolabi Albinson

11-Sep Dunfermline Athletic 3-1 League 1,553 Albinson
McAllister Baird McGinty Maxwell **SALKELD** Murdoch O'Connor Reading Bradley
ADELOYE2 Moffat Chalmers McKenzie Fjortoft Ecrepont McAdams

18-Sep Hamilton Accies 2-0 League 1,365 Albinson
Houston Baird McGinty Reading Murdoch Muirhead Chalmers **BRADLEY ADELOYE**
O'Connor Moffat Salkeld Maxwell McKenzie Fjortoft Ecrepont McAdams

25-Sep Morton 0-0 League 1,638 Albinson Fjortoft
McGinty Baird Reading Salkeld Murdoch Muirhead O'Connor Bradley Adelaye Moffat
Maxwell McAllister Chalmers Hewitt McKenzie McAdams

02-Oct Partick Thistle 0-4 League 2,667 Albinson Fjortoft
Baird McGinty Reading McAllister Murdoch Muirhead Chalmers Moffat Adeloye Salkeld
Maxwell Afolabi Ecrepont McAdams

16-Oct Queen of the South 2-1 League 1,663 McAdams
McAllister Fjortoft Baird Reading Salkeld **MUIRHEAD** Murdoch **MAXWELL** Adeloye Afolabi
Moffat Bradley Chalmers Ecrepont Albinson

23-Oct Arbroath 1-1 League 1,415 McAdams
Muirhead Fjortoft Baird Reading Salkeld Chalmers Murdoch Maxwell Adeloye Bradley Moffat
McAllister McKenzie **AFOLABI** Ecrepont Albinson

Ayr United FC Forthcoming Fixtures

26-Oct Kilmarnock	League
30-Oct Raith Rovers	League
06-Nov Inverness CT	League
13-Nov Partick Thistle	League
20-Nov Dunfermline Athletic	League
27-Nov Brora Rangers or Albion Rovers	Scottish Cup
04-Dec Morton	League
10-Dec Hamilton Accies	League
18-Dec Queen of the South	League
26-Dec Raith Rovers	League
29-Dec Partick Thistle	League
02-Jan Kilmarnock	League
08-Jan Arbroath	League
15-Jan Morton	League
29-Jan Hamilton Accies	League
05-Feb Dunfermline	League
19-Feb Inverness CT	League
26-Feb Queen of the South	League

Ayr United squad



Kilmarnock squad



21 Charlie Albinson
1 Aidan McAdams
9 Tomi Adeloye
24 Jonathan Afolabi
30 Jack Baird
16 Steven Bradley
18 Joe Chalmers
25 Finn Ecrepont
23 Markus Fjortoft
20 Michael Hewitt
2 Jordan Houston
14 James Maxwell
17 Nick McAllister
5 Sean McGinty
22 Mark McKenzie
7 Michael Moffat
4 Aaron Muirhead
6 Andy Murdoch
10 Daire O'Connor
3 Patrick Reading
11 Cameron Salkeld
31 Paul Smith

1 Zach Hemming
12 Sam Walker
8 Blair Alston
11 Daniel Armstrong
32 Thomas Brindley
29 Chris Burke
23 Rumara Burrell
3 Brandon Hausrtup
16 Callum Hendry
17 Brad Lyons
33 Charlie McArthur
4 Stephen McGinn
24 Dylan McGowan
7 Rory McKenzie
5 Euan Murray
22 Jason Naismith
19 Liam Polworth
10 Scott Robinson
14 Jack Sanders
9 Oli Shaw
27 Steven Warnock
18 Calum Waters



Referee Nick Walsh : Assistant David Roome : Assistant Stuart Hodge

Quiz Answers

1. Top: Garry Agnew (left), Robert Connor (right). Foot: Jim McSherry (left), Gordon Cramond (right). All four played for both Ayr United and Kilmarnock.
2. Ross Mathie.
3. 1938.
4. Mark Roberts.
5. Andy Geggan.
6. John McNiven (Ayr United) : Ian Bryson (Kilmarnock).

That's all Folks!

Once again many thanks for your support. The next issue will be for the Inverness match.

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