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OFFICIAL MATCHDAY PROGRAMME



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SCOTTISH LOWLAND LEAGUE
ALLIANCE PARK
TUE 27TH OCT 2020 |
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MESSAGE FROM

THE GAFFER

Good evening everyone,

I wish I could say 'Welcome to Alliance Park', but we continue to wait out the storm - I hope you are all staying safe and well.

The squad are keeping positive after a good performance on Saturday against Bo'nness United.

We felt by far we were the better team and deserved more out of the game.

The facts are, we didn't get anything.

So, we approach tonight with a determination to gain the three points and look to build up on our performances by getting the win.

The lads have been staying positive despite the results and it is testament to them as a group that they show that mentality.

A warm welcome to the players and staff of Dalbeattie Star. We have had some interesting games in the past which are always competitive and always close.

I want to thank all Braves fans for their continued support and look forward to seeing them soon.

RICKY WADDELL

MANAGER



MEET A PLAYER

ANDY DOWIE

AGE:	POSITION:	NATIONALITY:
37	DEFENCE	

PREVIOUS CLUBS:

Rangers, Brechin, Partick Thistle, Stranraer, Ross County, Dunfermline, Queen of the South, Dumbarton, Cumnock Juniors

KEY INFO:

Bellshill-born Andy started at Rangers, making one appearance for the club before joining Partick Thistle.

Following his release, he had a year at Stranraer before joining Ross County - who were then a Second Division side. He stayed there for three years, making over 100 appearances, before a long spell in Fife.

He joined Dunfermline in 2009, staying at East End Park for four years and racking up another 134 appearances.

He re-joined Thistle before another long spell at Queen of the South - a team well-known to today's opposition. He then dropped down the leagues, having played 552 professional games.

In 2019 he joined us, then known as Edusport Academy, both playing and coachin, before briefly joining Cumnock Juniors.

Andy rejoined this summer and has been ever present at the back, alongside fellow new signing Scott Forrester.





TODAY'S

OPPONENTS



FOUNDED:

1976

LOCATION:

DALBEATTIE STADIUM:

ISLECROFT STADIUM

MANAGER:

RITCHIE MAXWELL

LEAGUE POSITION:

15TH

CURRENT FORM:



PREVIOUS RESULT:



Reformed in 1976, Dalbeattie Star are one of the most successful clubs in the Scottish lowlands.

For many years, they competed in the South of Scotland League, winning the competition on 11 occasions and as recently as 2013.

They joined the Lowland League in its inaugural season, finishing a very respectable third place. Generally, they have featured in the top half but the last two seasons have seen them drop lower down the table.

This year, they are still without a win following fixtures against some strong teams.

Kicking off the campaign with narrow 2-1 and 3-2 losses to BSC Glasgow and Gala Fairydean Rovers respectively, they have since struggled to hit the back of the net.

A harsh 4-0 loss to East Stirlingshire followed before losing 2-0 to last year's champions, Kelty Hearts, last weekend.



BRAVES NEWS

BRAVES UNLUCKY IN BO'NESS DEFEAT

The Braves were hard done by coming away from Bo'ness with a 2-0 loss, thanks to goals from Craig Comrie and Ryan Stevenson.

As the match got underway, Ricky Waddell's side started the brighter.

Jamie Walker darted down the left side, laid a slick pass to Jack Smith, the Braves striker shot a trickling effort past Murphy, however the visitors' celebrations were short lived, the referee spotted a foul in the build up, ruling out the opener.

Even though they started well, the Braves didn't get the chance to test Murphy again in the half, with chances becoming a premium for both sides.

After the break, Smith was put through one-on-one with the keeper, but the striker couldn't quite get the ball past Murphy, who was keeping his side in the match after thwarting two excellent chances at this point in the game.

The hosts replied with a breakaway down the right hand side which led to Alex Marshall having to make a fine save from



Nicky Locke who latched on to a cross and got the shot away.

The Braves would soon be rueing their missed chances.

Just four minutes later Craig Comrie put the hosts ahead, with the midfielder launching himself at a cross to make sure he'd get enough on the ball to put it over the line and into Marshall's net.

There were several appeals as the Braves players were adamant that Comrie used a hand, but they fell on deaf ears. Following the goal, Braves had spells where it seemed they would find the equaliser but it did not come, as Smith put a shot wide of Murphy's goal.

Ahmed Bouchentouf was introduced for his debut, and initially caused problems for Bo'ness, but it soon went wrong. Bo'ness's Nicky Locke didn't find any problems dispossessing the debutant in his own box, with

Bouchentouf the scything his opponent down giving the referee no choice but to point at the spot. Ryan Stevenson struck the ball home for the hosts and put the game to bed just over ten minutes before the end.

FRANKIE STYLES

There will be a minute silence before tonight's kick-off in tribute to Dalbeattie Star Honorary President, Frankie Styles, (pictured above) who died last night.

To put it simply Frankie was Mr Dalbeattie Star. He was involved with the club when they re-formed in 1976 and has held virtually every post possible at the club in the 44 years since. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Morag, his children Susan and Alistair, and the rest of his family at this very sad time.



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