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Manager's COLUMN

It would be easy to get carried away on a wave of optimism as a result of our three back to back victories since the season's start. Naturally I'm delighted that we've managed to continue the form we showed during the final few games of last season, but let's not forget it's only the start of the season and we'll be striving to turn in consistently good performances in the months ahead and continually improve throughout the season to give you fans something to cheer about. You deserve it!

Whilst the players have responded magnificently so have you. Your 'away' support is especially appreciated. No where has this been better demonstrated than at Brockville where within the space of 5 days you turned out in strength both times to cheer us on.

Another cause to cheer is the fact that early season form has encouraged Craig Brown to select players for international duty at full, under 21 and under 18 levels. It's always a proud moment for the club, as well as the players, when such selection comes about. The club is 100% behind any player selected at any level for international duty. Players realise that only consistently good club performances will attract Craig Brown's favourable attention.



Thus some consistency is what will keep the club up there challenging for honours with the best.

Today, it's good to welcome one of my previous clubs – Celtic. They too have had a solid start to the season which augurs well for a cracking encounter. This fixture tends to bring out the best in Scottish football, with both clubs intent in producing entertaining, attacking football.

Let's hope this continues today with the result going the correct way for us.

Enjoy yourself and make plenty of noise.

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PERSONALITY SPOTLIGHT

It's now over 23 years since coach Drew Jarvie joined the Dons from Airdrie. Over that period Drew has served the Dons – and the game in general – admirably, both on and off the field.

His path to a full time career in football began over 30 years ago with local Lanarkshire side Kirkstyle F.C. before turning junior with Kilsyth Rangers and then a month after his 18th birthday, in November 1966, Airdrie stepped in to take the promising youngster to Broomfield. Drew quickly settled into senior football and over his six year spell with the Diamonds developed into a striker of some note.

INTERNATIONAL DUTY

His days at Airdrie are principally remembered for the notable striking partnership he formed with Drew Busby in his latter seasons at Broomfield and the honours that followed. At the tail end of the 1970-71 season Jarvie was called into the Scotland squad and three times Drew came off the bench to play for his country against Portugal, Northern Ireland and England.

During the 1972 close season the Dons moved in to take Drew to Pittodrie for a then club record fee of £76,000. Jarvie was seen



Drew Jarvie

as an ideal foil for the prolific Joe Harper and just the man to rejuvenate the Dons' slightly failing challenge to perennial champions Celtic.

Sure enough the Jarvie-Harper combination got off to a flying start with both players grabbing a hatful of goals in the early weeks of the season but sadly Harper was transferred to Everton in early December and their combined potential as a strike force would not be fully realised for a further four years.

In the interim Jarvie became the mainstay of the attack and he did so with characteristic zeal. Drew

was very much a whole-hearted player who gave his all in every game he played. He was equally dangerous with both head and foot and was not averse to letting opposing goalkeepers know he was around! He was club top scorer from 1972 to 1975 but as the season went by he seemed to suffer progressively from a lack of support and was increasingly used in a midfield role as the Dons' slide to mediocrity continued over that period.

Everything changed after the appointment of Ally McLeod as manager in November 1975. On December 6th, Drew poked home a late winner at Pittodrie to give the Dons their first home League win over Rangers for ten years and a week later he opened the scoring against Celtic at Parkhead in what proved to be a 2-0 win. Later in the season as relegation threatened Drew played a huge part in the Dons' escape from the drop with a crucial late equaliser against Ayr United that gave the Dons a vital point in the run in and in the final "must win" game of the season Drew lifted the pressure with an early opener against Hibernian.

REBORN DONS

1976-77 saw a new look Dons side and Jarvie was re-united with old partner Joe Harper. The two picked up where they had left off in 1972 and the Dons were reborn as a force in Scottish football.

Drew played a major part in the Dons 1976 league wins and who can ever forget his thundering volley that put the Dons on easy street against Rangers at Hampden Park, in a remarkable 5-1 semi-final upset. Drew also played a big part in the 2-1 win

over Celtic in the final itself. He was judged to have fouled Kenny Dalglish for a rather soft penalty opener for the favourites but he more than made up for that infringement when he powerfully headed a Joe Harper back flick past the despairing Peter Latchford to get the Dons back into the game. *

TITLE TRIUMPH

A nasty leg injury picked up in a game at Ibrox, in February 1977, prematurely ended Drew's 76-77 season but he was back in the first team for the opening of the 1977-78 campaign. Jarvie was instantly back to his best as he aided the Dons in their bold but sadly unsuccessful double bid under Billy McNeill.

Drew remained in the first team despite another change of man-

ager with Alex Ferguson in 1978 but from the outset of the 1979-80 season appeared to be heading for a more marginal role. However, it was the re-introduction of Drew to the first team as a regular that sparked the Dons 1980 title triumph into life. In a remarkable 13 game run Drew scored nine times – including vital winners against Dundee and Morton and a confidence building opener against chief rivals Celtic in the first of two crucial wins at Parkhead.

DESERVED TESTIMONIAL

There can be no doubt that without Drew's contribution there would have been no Premier League title for the Dons in 1980 and perhaps, who knows, no glory years to follow. Drew kept

his place for most of the following campaign but saw limited action in the 81-82 season as he was used to help bring on the multitude of up and coming youngsters in the reserve team at Pittodrie.

He received a testimonial in August 1982. His role with the reserves continued until October 1983 when he rejoined Airdrieonians.

A few months later he was appointed as player/ assistant manager with St Mirren, but in 1986 he left Love Street to become assistant manager at Dundee.

He moved back to Pittodrie in an assistant managerial role in 1989 and is now very much involved in the development of the club's young talent.



1979 – Drew Jarvie again on target.



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AROUND ABERDEEN

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE SHARE ISSUE

The Dons Share Issue, launched last month, is now well underway, with applications closing next Friday for those taking advantage of the Clydesdale Bank loan facility, and a week on Friday for the remainder. Just how has Pittodrie coped with the additional workload? The man with the responsibility is secretary Ian Taggart. "Because this is not part of our day-to-day activity, we have had to set up an office dedicated to deal with the work associated with the Share Issue. This has involved the installation of six new phone lines, a computer and of course, extra staff."

The increased level of paperwork flowing both in and out of the ground is being handled by the Post Office, who deliver and collect prospectuses and application forms on a daily basis. The storage of thousands of prospectuses, each one a weighty document, also posed quite a problem.

"They were up to the ceiling when they first arrived, although obviously many have now been dispatched. Again before they leave Pittodrie, Clydesdale Bank paperwork has to be inserted and they have to be addressed and franked."

So what happens when someone phones in with a non run of the mill question?

"A chain reaction is implemented," answers Ian. "The girls have been trained and can deal with 95% of the queries. However, if they cannot, it gets passed to me and if I'm struggling, I contact our advisers and so on until the correct response is gleaned."

So will Ian be glad when things get back to normal?

"In some ways, yes, but this has been an enjoyable experience and it's not something that I'll see too often in my lifetime!"

BEST BIRTHDAY PRESENT EVER FOR GRANT

The family and friends of lifelong Aberdeen fan Grant Murno have rallied round to give him the best birthday present of his life - shares in his beloved Dons.

"It was wonderful of them" said Grant, from Auchedly, near Tarves. "There really could not be a better present for a Dons fan."

Grant, who has devoted much of his life to raising cash for a variety of charities, thinks that the Share Issue will be

MAN OF THE MATCH



Scott Booth was awarded Man of the Match after scoring two goals in the last home game against St. Mirren.

a success, although he is not expecting too much this season.

"We are never going to compete with Rangers financially. However, with the youngsters coming through plus the money for Roy to buy wisely, we are going to be a real force once again in the not too distant future."

MATCHBALL SPONSOR



Sandy Bruce and his daughters received an autographed football from Brian Grant after the company had kindly sponsored the match ball.

PITTODRIE GOSSIP

MORE 'PONG' THAN 'PING'

The competitive attitudes of the playing staff is kept bubbling throughout the week by means of an 'In-house' table tennis competition. Games are played during the players' free time usually with competitors being "encouraged" by the "friends" on the sidelines.

There are three divisions - as you would expect; Premier, 1st and 2nd - and the current order of merit in "the Premier" is Eoin Jess, Scott Booth, Scott Thomson, Michael Watt, Derek Stillie, Kevin Christie, Robert Bell, Stephen Glass and Jamie Buchan.

The last named three had better keep a watchful eye over their shoulders as Division One front runners Craig Ireland, Alan Bryson and Michael Craig are pushing their cases for promotion. We'll keep you posted on how things are going each month!

BIRTHDAY BOYS

Aberdeen's playing staff have to look to two of their younger members to provide the only birthday occasions this month. Reserve defender David Rowson celebrates his 19th next Thursday, while recent capture Michael Craig is 18 on September 20.

IN FAMOUS FOOTSTEPS

The Dons now have two sets of brothers on their books in Paul and Tony Yeats and Darren and Derek Young. These youngsters, however, are only continuing something of a tradition at Pittodrie. Pairs of brothers who have been on the Aberdeen playing staff at the same time in past years include Alec and Walter Jackson in the 1920s and, of more recent vintage, Tommy and John Craig (uncle and father respectively of recent signing Michael)

and Martin and George Buchan (father and uncle respectively of current reserve squad player Jamie.

YOUNGSTARS RENEWAL

Membership renewals together with an encouraging number of new applications have been flooding in for our Dons Youngstars Club. If you've overlooked renewing your membership, it's not too late. If you've mislaid your renewal form, don't worry, let us know and we'll get a replacement to you by return. At only £5 the annual renewal fee is great value.

New members (initial joining fee £7) are equally welcome. Why not become one of the special band of young supporters. If aged between 5-16 become a Dons Youngstar and you'll find your membership provides many extra benefits. Look out for details of our forthcoming 'October Fun Week' which is a week of coaching and fun exclusively for members of the Dons Youngstars Club.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Dons' travelling support have an important role to play in the next fortnight when the Pittodrie side face three testing away games in succession - league meetings with Hibs and Kilmarnock on the next two Saturdays are separated by the midweek visit to Fir Park for the Coca-Cola Cup quarter final tie against Motherwell.

In the early years of the Premier Division, Aberdeen visited Easter Road ten times before securing their first victory - but what a victory it was! Beating Hibs 5-0 on May 3, 1980, assured the Dons of their first Premier Division title. At Kilmarnock, Aberdeen have lost only three times in twelve Premier Division visits, but they scarcely need reminding that two of these reverses came last season, when they went down 2-1 in October and 3-1 in February.



MASCOT SPOTLIGHT

Our mascot at the last home game against St Mirren was six year old Jonathon Pirie from Aberdeen. Jonathon is pictured above with the respective captains, match referee Rowbotham and Angus.

Today's mascot is Niall Williamson from Skene. Niall, aged eight, is a pupil at Elrick Primary School and his favourite player is Billy Dodds.



League Cup ties between Motherwell and Aberdeen have not been too frequent, particularly in recent years. 'Well entertained the Dons at Fir Park in the League Cup seven times between 1946 and 1974 - in the league qualifying stages on each occasion - and had only one win in that series. The only clash between the two clubs in recent years was a third round tie at Pittodrie two seasons ago when Aberdeen won 5-2 after extra time.

Aberdeen's away record against Hibs and Killie in the Premier Division and Motherwell in the League Cup are:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Easter Road	38	13	15	10	60	43
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Fir Park	7	1	1	5	7	18

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