

CLUB SPONSORS



ABTRUST

TODAY'S
MATCH
SPONSORS



THE DONNS



ABTRUST ETHICAL FUND



*A Worthwhile
Green Investment*

The Abtrust Ethical Fund invests only in companies that benefit both the community and environment. Capital value of units and income from them can go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount invested. Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance. Variations in currency exchange rates may cause the value of the portfolio to decrease or increase.

Abtrust Unit Trust Managers Limited • 10 Queen's Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ • Tel (0224) 633070

A Member of the Aberdeen Trust Group of Companies • Member of IMRO and LAUTRO



Aberdeen Football Club

Founded 1903

PITTOURIE STADIUM
PITTOURIE STREET
ABERDEEN AB2 1QH
TEL: (0224) 632328

Chairman: Richard M. Donald

Vice-Chairman: Ian R. Donald

Directors:

Denis J. Miller and

Gordon A. Buchan

Manager: Willie Miller M.B.E.

Assistant Managers:

Roy Aitken and Drew Jarvie

Player/Coach: Neil Cooper

Trainer: Teddy Scott

Physiotherapists:

David Wylie and Eric Ferguson

Secretary: Ian J. Taggart

Commercial Executive:

David Johnston

Club Doctor: Dr. Derek Gray

MAJOR HONOURS

European Cup-Winners' Cup: 1983

Super Cup: 1983

Scottish League Championship:

1954-55, 1979-80, 1983-84 and

1984-85

Scottish Cup: 1947, 1970, 1982,

1983, 1984, 1986 and 1990

Scottish League Cup: 1955-56,

1976-77, 1985-86 and 1989-90

Drybrough Cup: 1971 and 1980

THE DONS

The Dons matchday programme is published by Aberdeen F.C. Ltd., printed by Gilcomston Litho Ltd. and photography is by Aberdeen Journals. Centre spread picture: Proshot

MANAGER'S REVIEW

High standards reap reward

The victory over Dundee United, which ensured a place in the quarter-finals of the Scottish Cup, was pleasing in many aspects.

It is always difficult when you enjoy so much of the play. Then you must maintain concentration for the full 90 minutes and be alert at all times.

"Our young ones often get the praise, and quite rightly so, but Alex McLeish and Brian Irvine, backed up by keeper Theo Snelders, were outstanding.

"As a defender I know just how hard it is to stay on top of your job when you don't have much to do but these fellows were magnificent.

"After the disappointment of the defeat by Rangers, the players handled the occasion and showed great patience. They stuck to their pattern, never became frustrated and eventually were rewarded with the goals their play deserved.

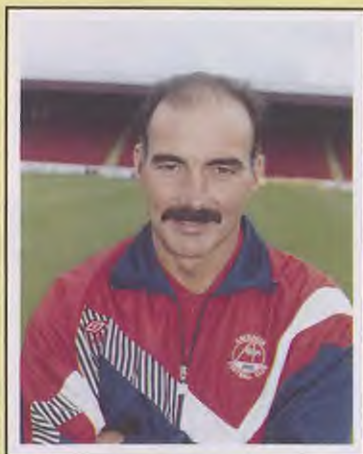
"We now have a home tie against Clydebank and that is all you can ask, but there are a lot of games to be played before then and we must keep our form going.

"Just 24 hours later we had four players – Alex McLeish, Eoin Jess, Stephen Wright and Duncan Shearer – named in the Scotland squad for next week's World Cup qualifying tie with Malta at Ibrox, and Scott Booth is also in the Under-21 side.

"We have set consistently high standards in all games and this is now being reflected by the inclusion of so many players in the Scotland set-up.

"The fact that we have experienced players and young ones there demonstrates that the balance in our own pool is right.

"I was not surprised by Duncan Shearer's inclusion. If Scotland are looking for



Willie Miller

someone to score goals there is no one better. Duncan gets the job done.

"Alex McLeish is in line to add to his 76 caps. It's never easy to deal with injuries but he is now back to full fitness and sharpness and we are benefitting from his experience and play.

"The one worry for me is that they all return uninjured after the international games. We have had more than our fair share of knocks this season.

Today we meet Celtic and it is always a major concern when meeting them after a bad result.

I have no doubt they will be even more charged up after their Cup defeat at Falkirk. They will want to atone but it is up to my players to continue their form.

Winning becomes a habit and that is one we want to cultivate.

WILLIE MILLER

PLAYER PROFILE

Regular first team football is a priority for Paul



Paul Kane

Paul Kane reckons he is a victim of his own versatility and this has cost him his chances of succeeding with Aberdeen. Without a first team start in the last three months, Paul, a £350,000 buy from Oldham Athletic, has now decided that he must move on from Pittodrie.

He revealed: "It was not a decision I reached lightly. Aberdeen are a great club with great players. A set-up like this is not something you walk away from easily. However, at this stage in my career, I require regular first team football.

"I have no complaint whatsoever about the club or about not being in the team. I can play well in a variety of positions but I don't have a position of my own. If you asked me I would have to say right back is probably where I perform best of all but I don't really know that for certain.

"Adaptability is all very well but in hindsight I should have tried to specialise in one position. As a youngster you'll play anywhere just to get a game."

Paul has no regrets about moving to Aberdeen even though he has failed to make the impact expected. He added: "I had an achilles tendon injury which kept me out at the start of the season and the team got off to a flier. When I got into the team we had a bad result at Ibrox. I dropped out and the team has since went on a great run and that was that.

"There is nothing more frustrating than training all week then not playing on a Saturday. A young player can afford to wait

for his chance but at 27, I need a regular game. Realistically, I'll have to wait until the end of the season to get a move and I am prepared to go anywhere. In the meantime I will do everything possible to help Aberdeen be successful.

"From the boardroom to the bootroom the club is geared for success and I think the Dons have an outstanding chance of finishing the season with something to show for all their efforts.

"The young players are particularly impressive. Eoin Jess and Gary Smith are destined for the very top.

"Eoin has matured into one of the best strikers in the country. Even in the tightest situation he has always got time on the ball and makes the game look so easy.

Within the team however, there is also a wealth of experience to help the youngsters develop and a great team spirit.

Insight on Paul Kane

Favourite Food:
Italian.

Favourite Film:
A Few Good Men

Favourite Actress:
Michelle Pfeiffer.

Favourite Music:
Any soul music.

Favourite Boyhood Heroes:
Pat Stanton and Kenny Dalglish.

Favourite Football Game and Why:
Hibs v. Rangers, 1-0 win in the League. A win any time at Ibrox is a good feeling but we also outplayed them.

Person You Would Most Like To Meet:
I've already met him - Drew 'The White Pelé' Jarvie because he keeps telling me how good a player he was.

If you were not a footballer who would you most like to be:
Arthur Dailley or Roy Aitken's Bank Manager.



Managing through a commitment to training, developing skills and delivering results



UNIQUE CAPABILITY



Project Managing through a commitment to training, developing skills and delivering results



Match Sponsors

Once again we are delighted to welcome AOC International as match sponsors of today's match and trust their guests will have an enjoyable day at Pittodrie.

AOC International has over 40 million man hours of oil and gas industry experience in the following areas of activity: Offshore hook-up and commissioning; Offshore modifications, maintenance and services; Onshore construction and erection.

Major projects at the moment are the offshore hook-ups of Shell's Gannet and Elf Enterprise's Piper 'B' and Saltire platforms (employing a total of 2,800 personnel). Together with the company's modifications and maintenance contracts for Shell, BP, Elf Enterprise, Marathon, Unocal, Chevron and Total AOC employs a workforce of 3,500 plus staff of 600. During 1992 AOC achieved BS5750 Part 2 a status through LRQA at the first attempt and are using this as a first step towards Total Quality Management.

AOC are delighted to be associated with Aberdeen Football Club and wish them well for the remainder of the season.

What a Cheap Strip?

Visit the Aberdeen F.C. Club Shop within Crombie Sports in Bridge Street, Aberdeen to pick up the few remaining away strips. Reduced to £14.99 for tops and £8.99 for shorts they are sure to be in demand. Other bargains are also available in the shop with the widest range of Aberdeen F.C. merchandise in the world!

Support your club at the official club shop.

Win £1,000

Win £1,000 in the Donscash instant lottery. For 25p, your scratchcard could win you the £1,000 jackpot or one of thousands of consolation prizes. Look out for the cards from our many agents in your local shops. All proceeds go to Aberdeen F.C. to finance players and stadium improvements. Support the club with Donscash Lottery.

COMMERCIAL NEWS

Business Profile

The highly successful "Dons" matchday programme, voted programme of the year in 1992 can offer a high level of coverage to your business. With an average print run this season of 4,750 programmes and an estimated readership of twice that level we can assure you of good coverage.


In addition, 600 programmes are distributed to our sponsors and executive guests, ensuring your message reaches the business community. Advertising rates are competitive and our competition page offers great coverage in the programme, the Press

and Journal and Evening Express in exchange for a prize.

If your business could benefit from this type of advertising, call the Commercial Department at Pittodrie on 0224 630944.

Sponsored Cars

Opportunities exist at present for players cars to be sponsored. Local businesses and garages who feel they may benefit from an association with Aberdeen Football Club and appearances and publicity with players should contact the Commercial Department at Pittodrie on (0224) 630944.




Join now and strike for
£ £ £ £

DONS GOALDEN STRIKE

£70,000 already paid in prize money.

£750 every Saturday


£300 every week-day




Major quarterly Star Prize Draw due end of February.

£5 will enrol you as a member and covers the next five weeks which includes entry into the Star Prize Draw. Send £5 with your name and address to:

PITODRIE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION,
PITODRIE STADIUM,
ABERDEEN AB2 1QH.



YOU CAN ALSO BE A DONS GOALDEN STRIKER!



ABERDEEN'S No.2 MOVES TO ABERDEEN'S No.1 ADDRESS

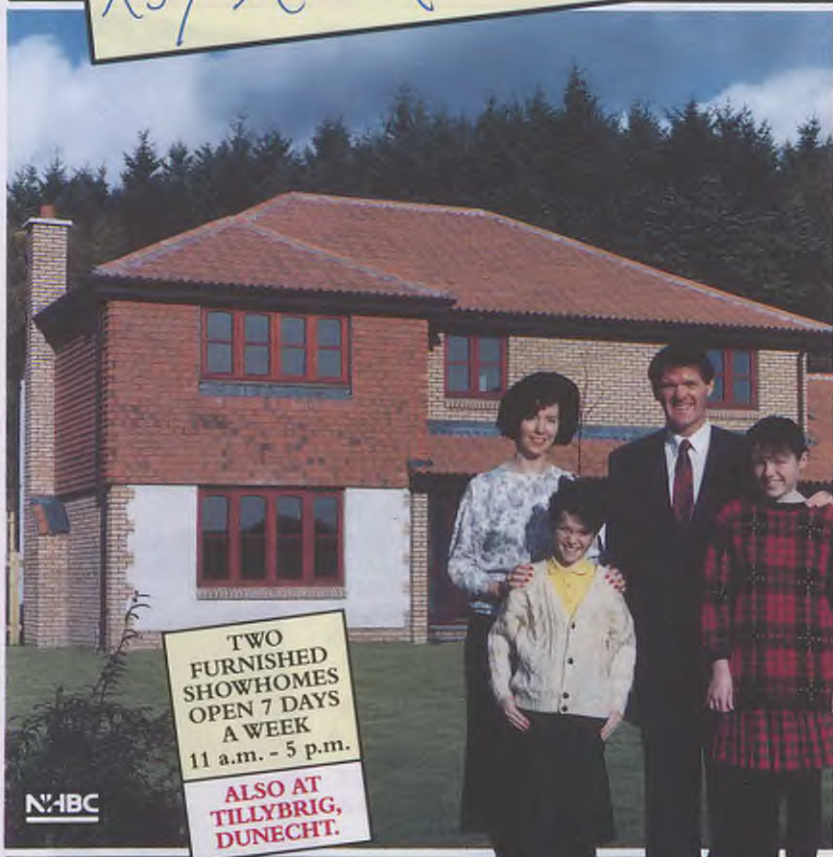
PINECREST

BIELDSIDE, ABERDEEN

"I chose Pinecrest at Bieldside, in preference to other developments in the area, because Bancon offered my family the very best in terms of location, style, quality and choice."

Roy Aitken

Roy Aitken, Aberdeen F.C.
Co-Assistant Manager



TWO
FURNISHED
SHOWHOMES
OPEN 7 DAYS
A WEEK
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

ALSO AT
TILLYBRIG,
DUNECHT.

NBC

No.1 ADDRESS IN THE AREA

Nestled into a wooded site with spectacular views over the Dee valley at Bieldside — Aberdeen's most desirable suburb is recognised for its high quality of schools and local amenities. Naturally an ideal place to raise a family.

No.1 FOR STYLE AND SPACE

Pinecrest offers you the pick of the distinguished and much admired CALA designed range of properties. Spacious, stylish, superbly appointed homes with generous-sized landscaped gardens that will in no way cramp your style.

No.1 FOR QUALITY

Skilled local craftsmanship goes into the making and appointing of every Bancon Home at Pinecrest. Each home traditionally built to last.

No.1 FOR CHOICE

Pinecrest offers 7 different house styles to select from. Nothing less than 4 bedrooms — nothing less than the best in every aspect.



Further details and brochure, Tel.
(0224) 867787.
PART EXCHANGE
CONSIDERED.



*"Naturally
a better choice"*

ST. NICHOLAS HOUSE, 68 STATION ROAD, BANCHORY. TELEPHONE (03302) 3343. 24 HOURS.

Congratulations



The four Dons who were selected for the full Scotland squad.

Our congratulations and best wishes go to the five Aberdeen players who have been selected for the respective Scottish Squads to play against Malta in the World Cup qualifying ties.

On Tuesday evening at McDiarmid Scott Booth will lead the Under-21 team and on Wednesday we will be represented by Alex McLeish, Duncan Shearer, Eoin Jess and Stephen Wright in the full squad.

The selection of these players is testimony to the high standard of football that Aberdeen have played this year and it is especially pleasing to see Duncan Shearer rewarded for his tremendous scoring effort this season.

For Alex McLeish it has been a long, hard two year injury period but all his efforts to regain his fitness and to recapture the high standard of performance he sets himself has been suitably rewarded and his displays recently have been first class.

In Eoin Jess and Stephen Wright we have the new generation coming through and we offer our best wishes to all the players concerned.

Fifties Flyer

Aberdeen trainer Teddy Scott never knows which former Don will be next to turn up at Pittodrie for a chat about old times. Teddy's latest surprise visitors were Jackie Hather, the Dons' speedy left winger of the '50s, and his son John, who had a number of reserve-team outings for Aberdeen at a later period.

PITTODRIE GOSSIP

Jackie, who is living in retirement in Peterlee, County Durham, scored 120 goals in the 350 first-team appearances he made during a 12-year career at Pittodrie between 1948 and 1960. He was a member of the league championship-winning side in 1954-55, one of five seasons in which he made 40 or more appearances.

During his visit, Jackie saw last month's "Pittodrie Profile" in which his name figured in an article about Aberdeen wingers down the years, and he returned to England with a pile of copies of the club newspaper.

"They're for my pals at the golf club," he explained. "They'll never believe that at one time I was reckoned to be a speed merchant!"

Clocking Up The Miles

Assistant Manager Drew Jarvie has been clocking up the miles. In recent weeks Drew has been seen at midweek games at Celtic, Falkirk, St. Johnstone, Dundee, Morton and Huntly. As well as travelling to these matches, Drew has been following the fortunes of our Reserve League East team and Under 18 team. Unfortunately one of the few Scottish teams he has not seen this season is Clydebank, however this will be put right before March 6th.

Looking Ahead

Visiting McDiarmid Park on Premier Division business next Saturday, Aberdeen are given another opportunity to demonstrate that the 5-0 defeat inflicted on them by St. Johnstone there on September 29, 1990 is no more than an embarrassing memory.

On four visits to the Perth ground since then, the Dons have recorded three victories and one draw, their wins including 3-1 and 3-0

scorelines, and they will be looking to build on that success in next week's meeting.

Aberdeen's overall away Premier Division record against Saints reads:

P	W	D	L	F	A
9	5	2	2	15	9

Jasa is Jogging



Jim Bett

Jim Bett is back in light training after his recent stomach operation. Jim is now following the surgeon's programme of recovery and has been seen jogging round the pitch with physio David Wylie.

Craig's Award

David Craig, one of Aberdeen's S-Signings was recently presented with the Junior Sports Personality of the Year Award by Kincardine & Deeside District Council. David who lives at Gourdon, plays for Stonehaven Under-18's.

He attends Mackie Academy, where he is sitting his Higher exams this year. David, who can play either in defence or midfield, won this award not just because of his football prowess but also because he is an all round athlete holding several school records.