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I must admit I was absolutely delighted with the way we approached last weekend's game with Dundee United at Tannadice, particularly in the first half when we played the kind of football I would like to see week in and week out.

It was a very important game for us as it keeps us in touch with the sides in the top half of the table which is crucial because of the split in the league which will occur in the spring of next year.

The one negative from the United game was the sending off of Darren Young who has been an ever present in the team until missing out today because of suspension. Darren realises it was a silly thing to do and, to be fair to him, he is always a hard, but fair player and he knows he could well have cost his team-mates dearly. Fortunately though, we held out for the win in the end.

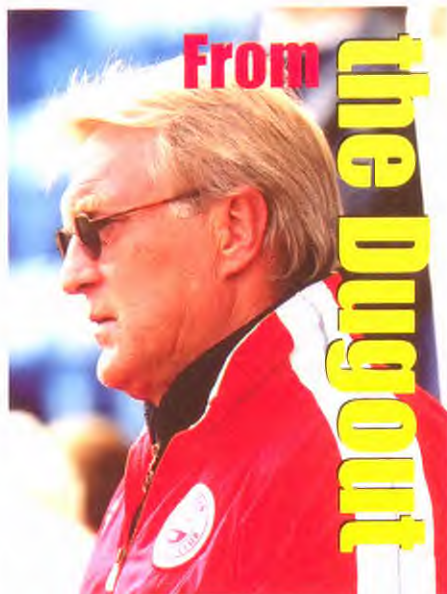
I am also very pleased for Robbie Winters who has now scored seven goals this season and is playing with a confidence he did not always display last term. The absence through injury of Arild Stavrum and Hicham Zerouali has put a lot of additional pressure on Robbie and he has responded very well indeed.

Today we face Celtic in what will be a very difficult match for us, although I feel we are far better prepared for it than we were last season when we were on the wrong end of some very emphatic scorelines. Having said that, under Martin O'Neill, they also seem to have moved up a gear and they do have a one hundred percent record in the SPL to date.

It is a game in which we will have to be at our very best throughout the ninety minutes, with no lapses in concentration whatsoever, if we are to take anything from it. The squad is certainly up for this one and it will be up to our senior players to help our youngsters to get through what will be a big test for them.

Enjoy the game!

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## SENDING OFF HARD TO TAKE!

**Dons midfielder Darren Young misses his first match of the season this afternoon, due to suspension, after being red carded in last Saturday's 5-3 Tannadice win over rivals Dundee United. And the 22 year old is understandably frustrated over the enforced interruption to what has arguably been his best start to a season ever at the Club. The Dons Matchday Programme found Darren in reflective mood and certainly not looking forward to an afternoon sitting in the stand.**

*While there's never a good time to be sent off, this must be particularly disappointing for you.*

Absolutely, although I've only myself to blame for what was a mistimed, as opposed to a dirty tackle. Jamie (Buchan) is a good mate and I was going for the ball but caught him instead, simple as that! I spoke to him on the Saturday evening and there are no hard feelings. It is annoying though as I'm at last free from the knee injury which caused

me problems last year and I thought I was about to beat my previous record of twelve games in a row which I managed when Paul Hegarty took over a couple of seasons ago. I had a good pre season and I'm confident I'll bounce back once my I'm clear of my ban.

unexpected. The gaffer only told me an hour before the game that I was captain and I honestly thought it would have been Fred (Mark Perry) who would have got the nod in the absence of Derek and Eoin.

*You made your first*



*Not only did you make a solid start to the season on a personal level, you became the youngest player to skipper the side since Willie Miller when we played Hibs at Pittodrie.*

That was a tremendous honour and completely

*team debut back in 1996 and seem to have been around for so long that perhaps people sometimes forget that you're still only 22?*

Definitely, although I'm now one of the more experienced players in the squad, particularly this

season with so many young boys coming through, including my brother.

*Is it a help or hindrance having Derek at the Club?*

It's a huge help to me as, not only are we brothers, we are also the best of pals. We share a flat together and I'm really pleased for him that he's now made the breakthrough to become a regular in the first team.

*You've worked under several managers in a relatively short period of time. Do you now feel there is genuine cause for optimism for Dons supporters*

Yes I do! It was unsettling every time a manager left because you never know whether whoever comes in is going to want to keep you or not. After the roller coaster of last season, there does seem to be a bit of stability here and, with so many good youngsters coming through, it is looking a lot brighter. My short term aim is hopefully to finalise a new contract as I certainly want to be a part of any future success.

## So You Think You Know...

**Full Name :-** Darren Young

**Date Of Birth :-** 13/10/78

**Birthplace :-** Rutherglen (Glasgow)

**Height :-** 5ft 9

**Weight :-** 11st 6lbs

**Immediate Family :-** Mum, Dad, Derek, Girlfreind Dawn.

**Senior Clubs Played For :-** Aberdeen.

**Who First Signed You For The Dons :-** Jimmy Carswell (scout), Roy Aitken (manager).

**Favourite Other Team :-** Man Utd.

**Honours Received :-** Scotland (u21) caps (u17) caps + captaining Aberdeen.

**Biggest Influence On Your Career :-** Mum, Dad, Coaches I have worked with.

**Any Unfulfilled Ambitions In Football :-** Playing for Scotland and winning honours with Aberdeen

**Any Regrets :-** Being injured for so long last season.

**Most Difficult Opponent :-** Gazza + Van Bronkhorst.

**Other Sports :-** Snooker/Pool.

**Favourite Car :-** AUDI TT.

**TV Programmes :-** Dawsons Creek & Hollyoaks.

**Films :- Actor / Actress :-** Bruce Wills, Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz.

**Likes :-** Playing PC and Playstaion.

**Dislikes :-** Smoking, Losing. **Music :-** Dance & Charts

**Best Player :-** Zinedine Zidane

**Favourite Ground :-** Ibrox, Parkhead

**Plans After Playing :-** To early to say

**Friends In The Game :-** Loads

**How Do You Relax? :-** Spending time with my girlfriend Dawn & Going down to Glasgow to see my friends.



## Ticket Office

Welcome to the first 'Old Firm' game of the season, and the visit of an on-form Celtic to Pittodrie.

As this is also the first 'all ticket' match of the season we hope that you found the services of our Ticket Office, Call Centre and e-mail facility all to be efficient and helpful to you.

At the time of writing, I can tell you that we hope to be in a position in the very near future to be able to offer tickets for sale to supporters through the Internet. We have been working closely with our Internet partners IFB to develop a facility which will enable supporters the opportunity to purchase tickets on-line. We hope that this facility will be up and running for our next home game against Dundee on 14th October. Visit our website at [www.afc.co.uk](http://www.afc.co.uk) for updates.

Game Grade	ADULTS				SENIORCITIZENS				UNDER 18's				UNDER 12's			
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D
Main Stand Centre	£25	£20	£14	£7	£16	£12	£8	£4	£16	£12	£4	£2	£16	£12	£4	£2
Main Stand Wing	£21	£18	£12	£6	£12	£10	£6	£4	£12	£10	£3	£1	£12	£5	£3	£1
South Stand Blocks S-X	£17	£14	£10	£5	£10	£8	£5	£3	£10	£8	£2	£1	£10	£5	£2	£1
South Stand Block Y (uncovered)	£14	£10	£6	£5	£8	£5	£4	£3	£8	£5	£2	£1	£8	£5	£2	£1
Richard Donald Stand Upper & Lower Front	£18	£15	£11	£5	£10	£8	£6	£3	£10	£8	£6	£1	£10	£8	£6	£1
Richard Donald Stand Lower Rear Centre	£25	£20	£14	£7	£25	£20	£14	£7	£25	£20	£14	£7	£25	£20	£14	£7
Richard Donald Stand Lower Rear Wing	£20	£17	£11	£6	£11	£9	£6	£3	£11	£9	£3	£1	£11	£9	£3	£1
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For more information visit the Ticket Office at Pittodrie, contact our Call Centre on 63-1903, e-mail us on [ticketoffice@afc.co.uk](mailto:ticketoffice@afc.co.uk) or visit our web-site on [www.afc.co.uk](http://www.afc.co.uk)

Andy Ward, Ticketing Services Manager

Tickets are now on sale for the following home games, and can be purchased immediately after the Celtic game in the Ticket Office.

### ABERDEEN V DUNDEE

SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2000

KICK OFF 3:00 PM BANK OF SCOTLAND

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

*This is a 'Grade B' Game*

Season Tickets are valid for this game.

### ABERDEEN V DUNFERMLINE

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2000

KICK OFF 3:00 PM BANK OF SCOTLAND

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

*This is a 'Grade B' Game*

Season Tickets are valid for this game.

The next Away Game is at St. Mirren on Saturday 28th October 2000. 3:00pm kick off. This is an all ticket match for AFC supporters, and tickets can only be purchased through AFC by visiting the Ticket Office at Pittodrie or contacting our Call Centre on 63-1903.

Tickets are not on sale at this time. Details will be published once further information is available.

#### Did you know that you can save £1.00 off the price of tickets purchased before the match?

Tickets purchased before the match day for all of our home games\* receive a £1 reduction off the price of the ticket. You can do so by visiting the Ticket Office at Pittodrie, by calling our Call Centre on 63-1903\*\*, by e-mailing us on [ticketoffice@afc.co.uk](mailto:ticketoffice@afc.co.uk) or by visiting our web-site on [www.afc.co.uk](http://www.afc.co.uk). Also, job seekers, upon showing their UB40 at the Pittodrie Ticket Office, will be able to purchase tickets at the same reduced prices as Senior Citizens.

\* Not valid for Old Firm, \*\*Booking charge of £1 applied to telephone bookings

### Shell Dons Youngstars & Shell Dons Teenstars Away Match Travel

*Did you know that by being a member of either the Shell Dons Youngstars or Shell Dons Teenstars you and your family can travel by coach, to all weekend away fixtures with Aberdeen F.C. for Season 2000 - 01?*

It only costs £2 for members to travel to any Bank of Scotland SPL weekend game, no matter where the game is played. If you have a brother, sister or friend who wants to come along who is not a member, they can come too for just £5, and a responsible adult is only £13.

The next away match is v St. Mirren on Saturday 28th October. Kick off is at 3:00pm. The bus will leave Pittodrie at 10:30 am, and return straight after the game has finished, arriving back at Pittodrie at approx. 9:00pm. The check-in time is 10:15 am at Golf Road, outside the Richard Donald Stand. *Bookings close 12:00 noon on Thursday 26th October 2000.*

**Coach Prices are £13 per Adult, £4 per Under 18, £2 per Dons Youngstars & Teenstars**

*To book your place on the bus, either come in to the Ticket Office at Pittodrie or call the Call Centre on 63-1903.*

Youngstars must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

### Red Army Members Away Match Travel

The next Away Match Travel will be for the game at

#### St. Mirren

*on Saturday 28th October 2000.*

*Kick off 3:00pm.*

*Bank of Scotland Scottish Premier League.*

The coach will depart Pittodrie at 10:30 am for Red Army Membership holders, and will travel direct to Love Street. The check-in time is 10:15 am at Golf Road, outside the Richard Donald stand. The coach will depart Love Street immediately after the game, arriving back at Pittodrie at approximately 9:00pm.

Bookings close 12:00 noon on Thursday 26th October 2000

**Coach Prices are £13 per Adult £4 per Under 18.**

Bookings can be made by visiting the Ticket Office at Pittodrie, or by calling 63-1903.

### Red Army Membership

Join one of the Red Army Memberships Schemes for only £10 and you can receive a whole range of benefits, including Discounted prices for Home Match tickets for 'Grade A' games, ticket priority for Home and Away all ticket games, Official Away Match Travel with AFC, and much more.

There are 5 different types of membership schemes available, each one designed for the different needs of the various age groups; Shell Dons Youngstars, Shell Dons Teenstars, Home Advantage, Reds Rewards and Dons Diamonds.

For more details or to join one of our Red Army Memberships come in to the Ticket Office at Pittodrie and speak to any of the staff, or just pick up a leaflet. Or, contact our Call Centre on 63-1903.

### Mini Packages

AFC last week announced the launch of a brand new initiative aimed at supporters who regularly visit Pittodrie but are unable to purchase season tickets. The new scheme, which sees Aberdeen Football Club introducing another 'first for Scottish Football' allows supporters to pre-purchase tickets for games in advance, and receive a discount for doing so.

The scheme is simple, in addition to receiving the normal advance booking discount of £1.00, supporters wishing to purchase 3 games in advance will receive a further discount of **£3.00** off the total cost of the normal adult price. Supporters wishing to purchase between 4 & 6 games in advance will receive a further discount of **£9.00** off the total cost of the normal adult price. And supporters who wish to purchase between 7 & 9 games in advance will receive a further discount of **£15.00** off the total cost of the normal adult price. For Senior Citizens it's a further **£1.00** off for 3 games, **£4.00** for 4 - 6 games and **£9.00** off for 7 - 9 games.

**This offer is not valid for the under 18 and under 12 price bands.**

For more details, or to purchase your tickets through this scheme visit the Ticket Office at Pittodrie or contact our Call Centre on 63-1903.

### Ticket Office Opening Hours

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 09:00 - 17:00 / Thursday: 10:00 - 17:00 / Saturday: 09:00 - 12:00**

**Opening Times may vary depending upon fixtures. Check local press for details.**

**All information correct at 28/09/00. May be subject to change.**