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# YOUNGSTARS PAGE

## TODAY'S MASCOT

Today's mascot is 7 year old David Lamb from Bridge of Don, Aberdeen. David is a pupil of Upper Westfield Primary School and his favourite player is David Rowson. Some of you may notice that David featured as mascot for the Dunfermline match. Well, as you all know it was postponed and unfortunately he was unable to attend the rearranged game, so we are making up for his initial disappointment.



## ST JOHNSTONE MASCOTS



William and Keith Christie Douglas, Dundee were the mascots for the game against St Johnstone. They have been watching Aberdeen since they were 4 months old.

## WELCOME YOUNGSTARS

Welcome to this afternoon's Bell's Scottish League Championship Premier Division game. Our visitors today are league leaders Celtic who are managed by former Dutch international Wim Jansen. It promises to be a good game with many exciting star players to watch.



## THE DONS QUIZ

- 1) Name the show devoted entirely to AFC on Channel Ten shown on Friday night.
- 2) What was the score the last time Aberdeen played Celtic.
- 3) Which Highland League club was Jim Leighton loaned out to early in his career
- 4) Who is Aberdeen's most capped player
- 5) Which French club was Eric Black sold to in 1986
- 6) At which club is he development manager.
- 7) Who was Aberdeen's leading scorer in season 1933-34
- 8) What is Aberdeen's record win.
- 9) Which English 1st Division club has Michael O'Neill gone to.
- 10) Which former Dons stars autobiography is titled What a Difference a Day Makes

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## AFC Roadshow

Following the successful opening at Inverurie last month, the Dons will be holding another Community Roadshow at Mackie Academy, Stonehaven, on Monday, 23rd March, starting at 7 p.m.

# MILLER'S ANGLE

## A CHANCE FOR PLAYERS TO SHINE

Obviously at this stage in the season, as would be the wish of any manager, the ideal scenario would be to be involved in the race for the league title. And whilst that is unfortunately not the case this time round, with all three challengers still to visit the North-East, there is no doubt we can still have a say in determining who does lift the silverware.

That though, is secondary to our main objective of finishing in as high a position as we possibly can. Last week's draw at Dunfermline Athletic was a case of two points dropped rather than a point gained and it is vital we pick up as many points as possible between now and May.

On our day, I know we are a match for anyone, but only if we apply ourselves properly, concentrate fully for the whole ninety minutes and play



to the top of our form. We must defend properly right from the first whistle to the last and not give away unnecessary goals as we did last week.

As I have been saying in the press this week, the fans also have a major role today. With their first league title in so many years now a distinct possibility, the Celtic support will, I am sure, make even more noise than normal.

This is our home game and I have no doubts whatsoever, we will ensure we outshout and outsing the visiting fans.

Obviously Mike Newell is still out of contention with his injury whilst Paul Bernard, having picked up an ankle knock last Saturday, is touch and go and Ilian Kiriakov is suspended. Otherwise, the team will be along similar lines to recent weeks, although I may decide to freshen things up a bit.

Those involved in the Scotland set-up will get together after today's match and I am sure all of you will wish Jim Leighton, Derek Whyte and Eoin Jess, who are in the 'A' squad, Stephen Glass and Billy Dodds, who have been chosen for the 'B' squad, and Russell Anderson, who is in the under-21 pool, all the very best. With the World Cup Finals now approaching fast, players really do have the opportunity to catch the eye of Craig Brown at the moment - consistently performing at a high level is the best way to earn recognition and for Dons fans everywhere, the larger the representation in France, the greater the interest.

However, the World Cup is still a few months away and right now our energies are totally focused on achieving the right result this afternoon.

**ALEX MILLER**

# CAPTAIN'S LOG

After what was, and I am sure the rest of the defence would agree with me, not our best showing at the back last week, I can't wait for this afternoon's game to come around.

Not only do games against Celtic take care of themselves in terms of atmosphere, we are all determined to redeem ourselves after the Dunfermline game. The manager is quite correct when he says that scoring three goals away from home should be enough to secure the three points. However, it wasn't and much of that has to be put down to sloppy defending.

The fact that, as a unit the defence had been playing very competently in recent games, only adds to the overall frustration and we are all determined to put things right this afternoon.

Despite the fact it is our home game, I know Celtic will be coming at us right from the word go today as they, like the others challenging them at the top of the table, are aware anything less than a win will be seen as points dropped.

Equally, we also want to ensure we take the honours as there are several sides within catching distance just above ourselves in the league table. All in all it has the makings of a cracking game and one we are desperate to win.

It's going to be quite a busy week as, following this afternoon's clash,

along with Derek and Eoin, I will join up with the Scotland squad prior to Wednesday's friendly against Denmark at Ibrox. At the moment, the World Cup finals still seem ages away although the midweek match will bring things just that bit closer.

Then next Saturday we have another vital game away to Hibs, where my old mate Alex McLeish is doing his best to keep my former club in the top flight. Believe me, it's nothing personal, but again we'll be going all out to take the honours in that one.

Here's to three points this afternoon!

**JIM LEIGHTON**



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