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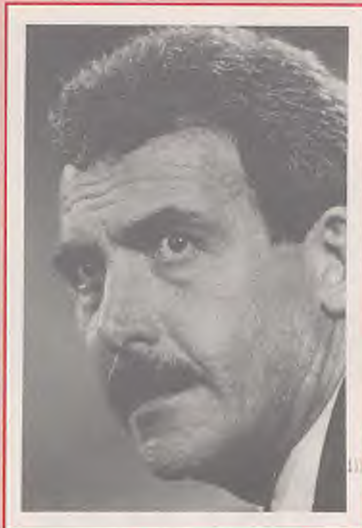
Obviously we've got to continue hoping that Rangers drop points while we set out to win our last three games.

We don't need any motivation in matches against the Old Firm. There will be a big crowd here today, as always. It's always satisfying to get a victory in these matches whatever the situation in the League at the time.

Celtic will be wanting to get their first win of the season over us and, like us, will want to end with three victories so there can be no letting up. They have got the Scottish Cup Final well in mind and will be determined to get their form at its peak.

Good results and performances would give their confidence a boost so we know exactly what to expect.

In this situation we've got to make sure that our professional pride ensures that we compete from the start and that we get our act together and that we go in search of



the result we need.

I won't attempt to disguise the fact that we didn't compete the way that we should have done when it was especially needed early in the game.

Then, unfortunately, when we had plenty of the ball in the second half we didn't create chances.

Frankly, I can only recall one chance in the entire game and that was the one they scored from. That apart they never caused us a problem.

The obvious question was why this should be so when

we've been playing so well previously and had put such an impressive run together.

It would be easy to blame the tension of the situation but I don't believe that was the case.

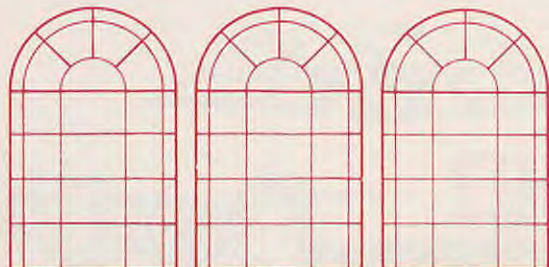
One factor could have been that, having played so well against Hamilton in the previous match and passed the ball around so comfortably and effectively, the players thought they could do it the same way against Hearts.

If they did go out with that thought in mind then it wasn't on at all. Hearts are a totally different proposition.

They're always a very workmanlike side and they pressure opponents who are on the ball all of the time.

They are very difficult to play against and, as I say, it was most frustrating that we didn't get it right on the day. Looking back I suppose we could point out various factors over the season as to why we are not up points-wise with Rangers but you can't go back and do it all over again differently.

We can only now look to the future and obviously try to improve where it is needed.



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# 'A' TEAM REPORT

Two more victories in the Premier Reserve League - by 2-1 over Hibs at home and 5-1 over Hamilton at Douglas Park - have kept the recent improvement moving along nicely.

Many would agree that the Hibs game, played in typical seasonal showers, was not the most inspired of occasions but the points were useful none-the-less.

"We played well over the last 20 minutes and earned our victory," said coach Teddy Scott. Steve Gray's ceaseless running, reflecting his thirst to regain his first team place, was Dons' main motivating force.

With this advantage in midfield established Dons took an early lead when the Hibs defence faltered and young Eion Jess snapped his chanced eagerly.

The Edinburgh side equalised almost immediately from a free kick and when a rather disappointing draw seemed to be on the cards Andy Roddie struck the winner during that late uplift. Roddie was one of a trio of Young Dons named in the Scotland under-17 squad for the friendly with Northern Ireland.

With him were Stephen Wright and Scott Booth. Another selection honour went to Ian Downie, chosen in the under-16 Scottish party for the game with England at Dumfries.



*Stevie Gray - motivating force*

**Saturday 8th April, 1989.**

**PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE**

**ABERDEEN 2 HIBERNIAN 1**

Scorers: Jess, Roddie.

Team: Watt; Gardner, Harvie, Simpson, Thomson, Gregg Watson, Jess, Gray, Booth, Gibson, Roddie. Subs: McRobb (for Gibson), McLeod (for Booth).

**Wednesday 12th April, 1989.**

**PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE**

**HAMILTON 1 ABERDEEN 5**

Scorers: Van Der Ark 2, Hewitt,

Simpson, C Robertson.  
Team: Beckett; C Robertson, D Robertson, Simpson, I Robertson, Thomson, Gray, Gardner, Dodds, Van Der Ark, Hewitt.

**Monday 10th April, 1989.**

**RESERVE LEAGUE EAST**

**EAST STIRLING 1 ABERDEEN 1.**

Scorer: Booth.

Team: Beckett; McArthur, S Wright, Simpson, Thomson, McRobb, Trialist, C Robertson, McLeod, Gibson, Harvie. Subs: Dickson (for Trialist), Booth (for McArthur).

**Monday 17th April, 1989**

**RESERVE LEAGUE EAST**

**RAITH ROVERS 1 ABERDEEN 3**

Scorers: Thomson, Van Der Ark,

C Robertson.  
Team: Watt; I Robertson, Harvie, C Robertson, Thomson, Gregg Watson, Gardner, Simpson, Dodds, Van Der Ark, Hewitt. Subs: McArthur (for Gardner), Jess (for Dodds).

Booth, incidentally, scored the goal in the 1-1 draw at East Stirling in the Reserve League East.

Among the features of the second team's improving results has been the contribution of Willem Van Der Ark.

The tall Dutchman who had such a mixed start at the club in terms of scoring in his first match but suffering an injury which held him back, helped himself to a pair of goals in the 5-1 win over Accies. It was a powerful Reserve line-up on the day and the scoring romp began when Van Der Ark set one up for John Hewitt.

Willem then scored the second himself, helped by a pass from Neil Simpson who later added the third. After about an hour Craig Robertson rounded off a superb solo run with the fourth and, when Accies pulled one back, Van Der Ark promptly completed the scoring.

The Dons' line-up that day contained something of a nightmare for the lads in the press box ... namely the inclusion of Craig Robertson, David Robertson and Ian Robertson in the same team! The East Reserve League fixtures then moved on to Raith Rovers last Monday week and an excellent recovery for a 3-1 win after going a goal down.

Van Der Ark was among the scorers once again along with Malcolm Thomson and Craig Robertson.



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## AROUND ABERDEEN

### PITTODRIE PUTTERS

Even at the height of one of the closest Scottish championships in years there's no harm in the lads having a spot of relaxation.

Some would say that an interest outside soccer is absolutely essential to keep things in context and ease the tension.

All of which brings us to the other title currently in dispute, namely the golf Championship of Aberdeen FC.

The challenge is open to pairs and any who wish to claim it have to take on Jocky Scott and Drew Jarvie who have so far contrived to put all comers firmly in their place.

There have been one or two close calls and some which have been, well...less difficult!

Gregg Watson and John Dickson fell by 7 & 7, Scott Harvie and Andy Mcleod by 5 & 4, Gregg Watson and Eion Jess by 4 & 3 and Scott Harvie

and Davie Dodds by 2 & 1.

Predictably there have been excuses, alibis and complaints along the way. Harvie, for instance, after his defeat with Dodds said the weather and his partner were to blame.

To 'prove his point' he picked a new partner and a better day ... and was comprehensively beaten again.

However, the championship crown is still indisputable.

John Hewitt and Robert Connor, the lowest handicappers in the club, reckon that they can do the business when the opportunity arrives.

Also in the diminishing queue of challengers are groundsman Jim Warrender and commercial and promotions man Alan Dinnett.

Alan provides a good deal of copy for 'The Don'. You'll hear about it if Jim and he do the trick.

### THEO THE ONE

Who was Dons' most popular player of 1988-89?

No argument about that. Although Charlie Nicholas made a big hit, and rightly so, it was Theo Snelders who captured fans' hearts most.

The Dutch goalkeeper could hardly have arrived with a more difficult task. Fancy having to attempt to step into Jim Leighton's size nines.

However Theo's success at replacing the irreplaceable has won

him more supporters club player of the year awards than anyone else.

Even with some choices still to be made Snelders can't be caught. Theo and Charlie have, in fact, dominated ALL the awards with no other player getting a look in.

Ah, well. There's always another year.

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## DONS DIARY

### Monday 10th April:

Alex Smith pays tribute to the part played by Paul Mason following his outstanding display in the victory over Hibs which kept up the pressure on Rangers at the top.

### Tuesday 11th April:

Dons prepare for the visit of Hamilton Accies on Saturday as Championship rivals Rangers have their attention diverted by the Scottish Cup semi-final with St. Johnstone. A win would put Aberdeen only two points off the top with the Ibrox club facing a re-arranged Premier division game against Dundee United immediately after their Cup-tie.

### Wednesday 12th April:

Willem Van Der Ark scores twice in a 5-1 win over Hamilton at Douglas Park in the Premier Reserve League and strengthens his claims for a return to the first team as challenge for places mounts.

### Saturday 15th April:

Dons build up the excitement for the final phase of the season. A 3-0 home win over Hamilton coincides with the day's shock in the shape of Rangers being held to a 1-1 draw by First Division St. Johnstone in the Cup. As the gap at the top is reduced to two points Rangers face an unwanted cup replay and are forced to put back the Dundee United game. Scotland shares in English football's sense of shock as more than 90 Liverpool fans are crushed to death at Hillsborough.

### Tuesday 18th April:

Rangers beat St. Johnstone 4-0 to qualify for a Hampden Final against Celtic who beat Hibs in their semi.



Dons players are always out and about helping in community projects and making appearances for charity. In this picture a cheque for £550 is being presented to Linnmoor Residential School. The donation was collected by Kenway Tyres special promotion day aided by Alex McLeish, Willie Miller and Charlie Nicholas. Also in the picture are Alan Kennaway of Kenway Tyres and John Anderson of Pirelli Ltd.

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## PITTODRIE PROFILE

There are very few seasons which pass without Dons introducing a new face to the first team scene from the club's successful youth development programme.

Latest young man to emerge in this way is 18-year-old Gregg Watson, a Glasgow-born defender who appeared as substitute for around 10 minutes at the end of the 3-0 win over Hearts at Pittodrie in February.

That was his first mini-taste of the big time action he has always craved. There will be more. Much more. Be sure of that.

"From when I was a very small boy there has only been football for me," he says. "At no time did I consider any other profession. So far as I was concerned I was always going to be a professional footballer and I want to get to the very top."

Strangely, although he supported Rangers for a while as a lad he turned down the chance to go on trial at Ibrox. "Aberdeen were winning things under Alex Ferguson," he recalls. "When I got the chance to come here I didn't hesitate."

"This is the club for me and though there has been a little gap in winning honours I would love to be part of an Aberdeen side getting it all together again as they did before."

Strong words and single-minded attitudes from a player of such tender years. Yet there is nothing boastful about him.

Asked what he feels his strong points are he doesn't dive in with a catalogue of self-praise.

"I like to think I work on not having weaknesses," he says. "I hope that I'm not too bad all round. I'm not all that big for a defender but I cope OK."

"I wouldn't want to be thought of as just another big bustling centre half who can clear the ball upfield."



GREGG WATSON

For sure the point is not lost on him that the place he wants (in the long-term, of course) belongs to Willie Miller and it will not be up for grabs for a long time yet.

There is Brian Irvine ahead of him, too, he's aware of that.

What he doesn't like too much are the suggestions which arise in the media sometimes that he's the new Willie Miller. Rather more does he warm to the feeling that he is going to be the first Gregg Watson.

"I know I have to be patient," he emphasises. "Very good, experienced players have to wait their turn and so must I. Everybody does."

"But I'm not satisfied to have played just ten minutes first team football. I've been in the squad and I was away with them in Holland pre-season but I want more and more."

Nerves and self-doubt do not figure too highly in his make-up. "I have no problem like that," he says in a matter-of-fact way which can often be found in those destined to make it. "It was no bother against Hearts. I didn't really feel anything. The

more important or bigger the game the better I feel."

Gregg has the right international pedigree having been named at under-16 level for Scotland and at under-18 level a year before his time.

He's travelled abroad fairly extensively for club and country but unfortunately there have not been any Scotland under-18 games in '88-89 to keep the international impetus going.

Although he plays a similar role to Willie Miller he has had only limited opportunity to benefit from the club skipper's experience and shining example.

"I have not had the chance to be with him much in training," he points out.

"On the odd occasion I've been in the same team he talks you through the game and helps you in that manner."

Gregg was playing for Eastercraigs Boys Club when he was spotted by Dons. "I was actually training with a few clubs. I'd been down to England to train with Ipswich and I was supposed to go to Everton but it was just the time I came to Aberdeen instead."

Gregg - not to be confused with Graham Watson who has had such a rotten time with injuries this season - will not contemplate the thought of just being 'another average player'.

"I would like to push myself into something more than that but first you have to go through the learning process."

He has no 'special matches' in his memory so far. "I've thought about it and there's nothing yet," he insists.

"It was good to make my debut but I'm looking for bigger things. I guess I'm waiting for it all to happen, things that are really memorable."

Of all his qualities, patience is the one he needs most just now.

