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## The missing ingredient

There's only one ingredient missing from our play right now — goals. And that's something we aim to put right immediately.

We played our best attacking game of the season for the first 30 minutes against Hibs at Easter Road last Saturday. But the only thing missing was the fact we couldn't get amongst the goals.

Our build-up work has been excellent and our running off the ball has been magnificent. In fact, I'd say we totally slaughtered Hibs until we got to the vital area. Every time we hit the target Andy Goram showed why he is rapidly establishing himself as Scotland's first choice keeper.

Despite our 1-1 draw, I came away from the match feeling as though we had lost it. We were so much in front in terms of play and possession we should have taken both points. In short, we carved through Hibs time and time again but couldn't score.

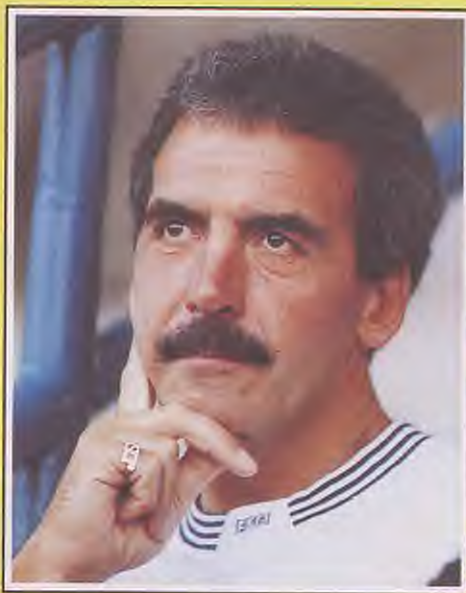
Now we all hope that these chances won't be squandered against Celtic today. Let me say that we can completely forget right now about Sunday's result in the Skol Cup final at Hampden. Celtic lost to Rangers... and that's history.

Any cup final is a one-off. Celtic are back on Premier duty and they will be concentrating solely on the job in hand. What happened on Sunday must be dismissed because it will have no bearing on today's 90 minutes.

I don't believe for a minute they will carry the defeat by Rangers into today's game. Nor will they be on a downer. Celtic are professional enough to have put that disappointment out of their minds. The fact we beat them by 3-0 earlier in the season at Celtic Park will count for nothing.

We are playing a lot of good football and we are creating plenty of chances, but we must start snapping up these chances regularly. Recently we have been stuttering in front of goal. That must stop.

We need goals to finish off our sweet leading-up work. A strike or two would put a better reflection on our performances.



Jocky Scott

This is our last game before we fly off to face Legia Warsaw in the European Cup Winners' Cup. We certainly mean to head for Poland with a confidence-boosting win under our belts.

I still maintain that we should have beaten Legia in the first leg at Pittodrie. They might have looked the part because of the way they played. It was a defensive formation designed to frustrate our players, and they looked to hit on the break.

We know exactly what's ahead of us in Warsaw on Wednesday night and I can tell you the lads are quietly confident of returning home with a quarter-final ticket. It is certainly not beyond our capabilities.

First of all, though, we must get the better of Celtic today. Our teamwork is very good at the moment and I wouldn't single any particular player out. Our strength is in our teamwork and every single one of the lads is playing his part. If we continue this trend — and cash in when we get close to goal — we will be flying to Poland on Tuesday morning in a very happy frame of mind.

Jocky Scott.

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## Andy surveys the Scottish scene

On-loan Andy Dibble has struck a major blow for Scottish keepers. For the Manchester City slicker who answered Aberdeen's SOS after Theo Snelders had been crooked against Rangers insisted: "There's a lot of nonsense spoken about Scottish keepers down south. It seems to be a bit of a game for Scottish keepers to regularly take stick. Frankly I don't know why. I hold Scottish keepers in high regard and I held that opinion before I came to Pittodrie a couple of weeks ago.

Peter Nicholas who was with Aberdeen a few seasons back is a close mate of mine from our meetings in the Welsh squad. Peter told me just how good the keepers were at Aberdeen and the rest of Scotland.

This has been proven from what I've seen in my games for Aberdeen". So far Dibbs has been at the opposite end of the park from Motherwell's Ally Maxwell, Hearts' Henry Smith and Scotland's current number one choice Andy Goram of Hibs. Today of course he will be peering at Pat Bonner an Irishman who has a strong reputation throughout Europe - particularly after his sensational world cup penalty exploits. "Andy Goram did extremely well at Easter Road last Saturday. He looked an international through and through and made some excellent saves," said the 25 year old broad shouldered Welshman.

If Aberdeen's Andy had his way he would willingly become a permanent premier fixture. There is one stumbling block - a massive Maine Road contract.

"I would certainly be interested in staying in Scotland but I have around four years of a deal still to run. I was number one at City until I became the victim of a management change. When Mel Machin signed me from Luton everything looked rosy. But Howard Kendall took over mid way through last season just after I signed a long term contract. Obviously I thought I was doing the right thing at the time to tie myself to City, but I am going to use this loan period to the best of my ability".

Kendall may have crushed Dibble's pride in July by paying a cool £1,000,000 for Watford keeper Tony Coton, but the goalie from Gwent is ready to bounce right back.

Able Andy might have been a Don under Ian Porterfield's reign at Pittodrie. Porterfield was searching Britain for a replacement for Manchester United bound Jim Leighton and his sights were trained on Luton, but a £400,000 suggestion couldn't budge Dibble at the time. "I remember being told about Aberdeen's interest and I would definitely have considered any offer. But it's all a bit late now."



Andy Dibble

Although Andy has lost only one goal in 270 minutes of play with his new colleagues he did suffer one disappointment as he believed he would be keeping goal in Europe for the Dons.

"I knew Aberdeen were in the Cup Winners' Cup, but I did not realise until I reached Pittodrie that I was not eligible to play against Legia Warsaw.

Now I can only wish the lads the best of luck in Poland next week and I believe they can do it over there. I was very pleased for Michael Watt to mark up a shutout on his European debut. A repeat in Warsaw would be fantastic and it is certainly not beyond him.

If the Dons polish off the Poles on Wednesday, Dibble knows which quarter final tie he would love to see drawn out of the hat.

"It would be a hell of a tie if Aberdeen came up against Alex Ferguson's Manchester United. No one would want to predict a winner".

Andy has become an instant fan of the Dons and the often maligned premier division. "Training with Aberdeen is very similar to the routines we go through at City but Aberdeen put more emphasis on attack and work towards crossing and finishing.

Aberdeen are a great team to watch when they are in full flight and I have certainly been impressed with play in Scotland's top division.

The pace is just about the same as in England but down south it's more physical with teams trying to get rid of the ball as early as possible.

In Scotland more concentration goes into the build up and I am sure the fans get full value for money".

Dibble was back at Maine Road on Tuesday to watch his City mates lose a Rumblewos league cup tie to Arsenal. Then it was a 5.30 a.m. wakening to catch the red eye flight to Aberdeen for training. Who said keepers have an easy life?



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## Telemech Winner

The lucky winner in our Telemech competition which appeared in the last two home match-day programmes was Stephen Finnie, 277 Springhill Road, Northfield, Aberdeen.



*The above photo shows Stephen being presented with his music centre by Dons captain Alex McLeish also pictured are Bill Towsey (left) and Alister Ritchie from Telemech.*

Once again we thank Telemech for their support and hope Stephen has many hours of enjoyment with his prize.

## £1000 Winner

A presentation was made this week in the trophy room at Pittodrie to Paul Kennedy, our latest £1000 Donscash Lottery winner.

Paul is pictured below receiving his cheque from Dons boss Alex Smith. Also pictured is Donscash agent John McKay (left) Kingsway Newsagents, who sold the winning ticket receiving his bottle of Chivas Regal whisky and Jim Forbes, Aberdeen Football Club, watching nobody runs off with the Scottish Cup.



## Car Loan

Thanks are due to Sandy Thain of Inverurie who has provided Aberdeen goalkeeper Andy Dibble with a car while on loan from Manchester City. Sandy already sponsors cars for Brian Irvine and Ian Taggart but was delighted to help the club out with a further car during Andy's one month loan period.

## Man of the Match



*Bill Nicholson of match sponsors, AOC International presents Jim Bett with his man of the match award after the European Cup Winners' Cup, first leg, second round, tie against Legia Warsaw at Pittodrie last week.*



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## Stewart in the News

It's all happening for Stewart McKimmie these days. The Dons defender celebrated his 28th birthday last Saturday in appropriate fashion when he was named as Aberdeen Sports Council's professional sportsman of the year. His closest challenger for the award was tour golfer Peter Smith.

Saturday's double event was the latest in a series of important developments for the modest Aberdonian.

Recently he ended speculation on his future in club football by signing a new four year contract with the Pittodrie club. This in a year which also brought him reassurance about his place in the international reckoning.



*Stewart McKimmie receives the Aberdeen Sport Council, Professional Sports Personality of the Year trophy from R.A. Robertson J.P., Lord Provost of the City of Aberdeen.*

After making his full international debut against England at Hampden on May 27, 1989 and retaining his place for the second Rous Cup game against Chile at the same ground three days later, Stewart seemed to have dropped out of Andy Roxburgh's consideration in the early part of last season.

He was, however, included in the national squad for the World Cup acclimatization trip to Genoa last February, and promotion from the 'B' squad to play against Argentina in March led to him scoring the only goal in Scotland's notable victory.

A stomach upset cost him his place against East Germany a month later and injury saw him replaced at the interval against Egypt at Pittodrie in May, but he appeared against Costa Rica and Brazil in the World Cup finals and since then has brought his tally of caps to eight in this season's European Championship qualifying games against Romania and Switzerland.

## Time to light Candles

Stewart McKimmie was not the only birthday boy at Pittodrie last month. Three of his clubmates who shared the experience were Ian Robertson (24 on October 14th), David Robertson (22 on October 17th) and Jamie McCarron (19 on October 31st).

November is an even busier month for birthdays among the Pittodrie players with Jim Bett, Hans Gillhaus, Willem van der Ark, Michael Watt, Ian Downie, Scott Harvie and Andy Roddie all reaching annual milestones this month.

## More Milestones

While on the subject of milestones, Brian Grant could reach the 150 mark in first-team appearances before the month is out, while the half-century is in sight for Hans Gillhaus. Before today's game, Brian's tally stood at 147, while Hans had made 47 appearances.

## Buchan Back

Among the welcome visitors at Pittodrie this week was Dons hero of the sixties Martin Buchan.

Now a slightly fuller figure than in his playing days, the former international defender is working in sales and promotion for sportswear manufacturers Puma and he also maintains contact with another of his former clubs, Manchester United, helping with the entertainment of match sponsors at Old Trafford on match days.

## International Honours

Congratulations are in order yet again for three of our young players who have been selected to represent Scotland in a European Championship qualifying match for under 18's versus Republic of Ireland in Dublin on Tuesday, 6th November.

The three players selected are Colin McDonald, Derek Stillie and Vinny Rae. We wish all three our very best wishes for the match and trust they will be good ambassadors for the club and earn an international victory.

## Souvenir Brochure

A reminder to all Pittodrie fans that the Willie Miller 20 years Souvenir Brochure is now out on sale in the club shop and at most newsagents throughout the North of Scotland. The game will be played on Tuesday, 4th December, 1990 and tickets will soon be available when Aberdeen FC will play a World Cup XI managed by Alex Ferguson to reward this outstanding achievement of 20 years with one club.

The major contribution Willie has made to the success of the "Team of the Decade" tag enjoyed by Aberdeen Football Club during the eighties is legend and the night will be a memorable occasion.



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## Letter to the Editor

A letter arrived at Pittodrie this week mentioning the amazing exploits of a young Dons fan called Mark Walker. Mark is so determined to see his team play in Warsaw that he has arranged an exciting itinerary. He will travel by train to London tomorrow (Sunday) and then make his way to Harwich. On arrival he will catch a ferry to the Hook of Holland. On Monday he will journey by train for Warsaw arriving sometime on Tuesday.

The trip, which he is doing alone, will obviously cost him a few bob, but according to the letter, the Dons can do no wrong in his eyes and he travels throughout the country every week to see them play.

Well done Mark!



### Hans is Chosen by GASC

Dutch internationalist Hans Gillhaus is pictured above receiving his award from Martin Jackson and Alisdair Weir after being chosen as Glasgow branch Aberdeen Supporters' Club Player of the Year for 1989/90.

Angie Cunningham, secretary of the club has also asked us to mention that the club runs buses to most games and pick-up points include Kilmarnock and Glasgow and anyone interested in joining should contact Neil Harper, 61 Peel Street (TFL), Glasgow (041 339 1671).

A number of members according to Angie would like to purchase a long sleeved football top from the club shop. Keep your eye on the programme and we will keep you informed. However, unfortunately, Umbro do not manufacture long sleeved replica football tops. We will contact them again to see if they would reconsider the position.

### Birthday mascot

David Wallace is the Dons Youngstars Club member chosen to lead the Dons players onto the Pittodrie pitch this afternoon.

David, who is ten today, will celebrate his birthday in soccer style and hopes his hero Hans Gillhaus will score against Celtic today. A pupil at Crombie Primary School, David stays at 12 Westfield Gardens, Westhill, Skene.



David Wallace

### Benefit Challenge

The Benefit Challenge Match between Aberdeen and a World Cup XI to mark Willie Miller's twenty years with Aberdeen kicks off at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 4th December, 1990.

Season Ticket Holders wishing to purchase their seat(s) for the above match can do so from Monday, 12th November until Saturday, 17th November, 1990. Application C is required from their books.

The general public can purchase their tickets from Monday, 19th November, 1990 and prices are as follows: Main Stand £8.50, Wing Stand (adult and child) £11, South Stand £6, Merkland Stand and Beach End £5, Merkland Stand and Beach End (juvenile/O.A.P.) £3.

Ticket office hours are 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

### David in a daze



David Simpson, the Dons mascot in the European Cup Winners' Cup second round first leg tie against Legia Warsaw is pictured above with Scotland under 21 keeper Michael Watt and Dons captain Alex McLeish.



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## Premier League record in the balance

Meetings between Aberdeen and Celtic in the premier division have been fairly evenly balanced over the years as 'the Dons' record, shown below, testifies. Home advantage counts for nothing as Celtic have actually recorded more wins here, at Pittodrie, than they have on their own ground, Parkhead. Below we have turned back the clock in some detail on four previous 'premier' clashes.

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
61	22	20	19	86	71	64

### SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER 1976 CELTIC 2 ABERDEEN 2

Scorers: Celtic — Craig (2) Aberdeen — Jarvie (2).  
Attendance: 47,000. Referee: H. Alexander (Kilmarnock)

Celtic: Latchford, McGrain, Burns, Stanton, MacDonald, Aitken, Doyle, Glavin, Craig, Dalgligh, Wilson.

Aberdeen: Clark, Kennedy, McLelland, J. Smith, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Shirra, Harper, Jarvie, Graham.

On a pitch barely playable, the players put on their snowboots and proceeded to give the large crowd a tremendous match, with a draw being a fair result at the end of 90 pulsating minutes. All the goals came in the first half, with Celtic equalising just on the whistle, and although Celtic had the vast bulk of the pressure in the second period, with Craig being denied his hat-trick only by the woodwork, it was the Dons who finished the stronger, in a game which was a credit to both sides.

### SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 1980 ABERDEEN 2 CELTIC 2

Scorers: Aberdeen — McGhee, McAdam (o.g.) Celtic — Nicholas (pen.) Burns.  
Attendance: 23,000. Referee: R.B. Valentine (Dundee)

Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Hamilton, Watson, Rougvie, Miller, Strachan, McMaster, McGhee, Bell, Hewitt. Subs: Scanlon (3) McCall (11).

Celtic: Bonner, Sneddon, McGrain, McAdam, MacDonald, Conroy, Provan, Sullivan, McGarvey, Burns, Nicholas. Subs: McLeod (10).

An action packed encounter which kept the capacity all ticket crowd at favour pitch until the final whistle. Celtic with the country's latest scoring sensation Charlie Nicholas in unbeatable form (11 goals already that season) went sailing into a two goal interval lead, with Nicholas converting a seventh minute penalty after Burns was fouled, and then Burns himself heading the second after a quick counter attack. The second half saw Dons boss Alex Ferguson 'going for broke' by introducing both substitutes and dramatically altering his tactics, the change gave the Dons the initiative and two goals in a two minute spell turned the tables. Both sides created scoring chances in the latter stages but at the end both sides left the field well satisfied with their hard earned point.

### SATURDAY 12th FEBRUARY 1983 CELTIC 1 ABERDEEN 3

Scorers: Celtic — Nicholas Aberdeen — Black (3).  
Attendance: 42,800. Referee: R.B. Valentine (Dundee)

Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, Aitken, McAdam, Sinclair, Provan, McStay, McGarvey, McLeod, Nicholas.

Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Cooper, McLeish, Miller, Black, Simpson, McGhee, Bell, Weir. Subs: Strachan and Hewitt.

With a European date against Bayern Munich looming, Aberdeen arrived in Glasgow one point behind league leaders Celtic and determined to put on an impressive show. Two minutes from half time and trailing by a Charlie Nicholas strike, the Dons seemed to have their work cut out, when in stepped Eric Black. Firstly a near post header found the net followed by the final shot in a penalty box scramble sent Aberdeen into an interval lead and left the large home support shell-shocked. The second half was vintage Aberdeen as they totally controlled proceedings, depriving Celtic of any possession, and although Eric Black claimed his hat-trick after good leading up work by McGhee, the Dons really should have scored more. The Bayern spy left Parkhead highly impressed with the Dons.

### SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 1985 ABERDEEN 4 CELTIC 1

Scorers: Aberdeen — McDougall (4), Celtic — Provan.  
Attendance: 22,000. Referee: B.R. McGinlay (Balfron)

Aberdeen: Leighton, McKimmie, Mitchell, Stark, McLeish, Miller, Black, Simpson, McDougall, Cooper, Hewitt. Subs: Wright (11), Bett (4).

Celtic: Bonner, W. McStay, McGrain, Aitken, McAdam, Grant, Provan, P. McStay, McClair, Burns, McInally. Subs: Chalmers (11), McGovern (5).

An amazing match, at half time the scores were level at 1-1 with Provan equalising a Frank McDougall goal just before the whistle. Twenty minutes into the second half the Dons were three ahead with fabulous Frank McDougall bagging all four goals. Thereafter Celtic defended desperately, with the home fans chanting for more, but no more goals followed more by good fortune than anything else. Referee McGinlay booked eight players overall, six Celtic and two Aberdeen, in a match which frequently threatened to boil over.





**Peter van de Ven**





## B&Q League Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Dif
Dundee United	10	6	2	2	13	6	14	+7
<b>Aberdeen</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>+4</b>
Rangers	9	4	4	1	14	5	12	+9
St. Johnstone	10	4	3	3	16	14	11	+2
Celtic	9	3	4	2	10	9	10	+1
Hibernian	10	3	3	4	5	10	9	-5
Motherwell	9	3	2	4	8	5	8	+3
Dunfermline Ath.	9	2	3	4	9	14	7	-5
Heart of Midlothian	10	2	2	6	10	18	6	-8
St Mirren	10	2	2	6	9	17	6	-8

### Appearances 1990/91

	LEAGUE		CUPS	
	App	Gls	App	Gls
J. Bett	10	3	6	2
S. Booth	— (1)	—	1 (1)	—
I. Cameron	—	—	— (1)	—
R. Connor	9	2	6	—
A. Dibble	3	—	—	—
L. Gardner	—	—	— (1)	—
H. Gilhaus	10	4	6	2
B. Grant	10	1	6	—
B. Irvine	10	1	7	1
E. Jess	2 (7)	—	4 (2)	2
P. Mason	10	1	7	4
S. McKimmie	9	—	7	—
A. McLeish	9	—	6	—
W. Miller	—	—	1	—
C. Robertson	— (6)	—	1 (2)	1
D. Robertson	9	1	7	—
T. Snelders	7	—	6	—
P. van de Ven	10	—	5 (2)	2
Gregg Watson	2 (5)	—	— (4)	—
M. Watt	—	—	1	—
S. Wright	— (1)	—	—	—

### Next Home Game

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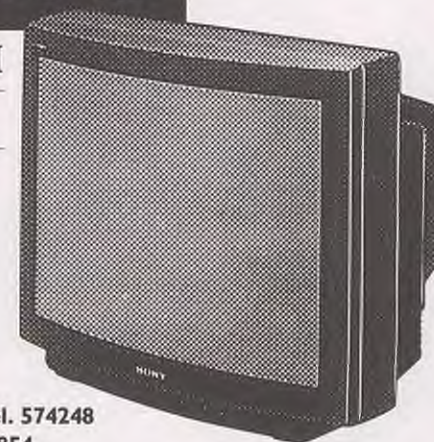
Date	Opposition (Venue)	Comp.	F-A	Att.	Pos	1	2
Aug 22	Queens Park (A)	Skol 2	2-1	2,201	—	Snelders	McKimmie
Aug 25	Hibernian (H)	P.Div.	2-0	16,374	3	Snelders	McKimmie
Aug 29	Stranraer (H)	Skol 3	4-0	9,800	—	Snelders	McKimmie
Sept 1	Celtic (A)	P.Div.	3-0	45,222	1	Snelders	McKimmie
Sept 5	Hearts (H)	Skol 4	3-0	14,853	—	Snelders	McKimmie
Sept 8	Dunfermline (A)	P.Div.	1-1	9,565	2	Snelders	McKimmie
Sept 15	Dundee United (H)	P.Div.	1-1	17,357	2	Snelders	McKimmie
Sept 19	New Salamis (A)	ECWC 1-1	2-0	9,500	—	Snelders	McKimmie
Sept 22	St Mirren (H)	P.Div.	2-1	12,107	2	Snelders	G.g. Watson
Sept 26	Rangers (N)	Skol SF	0-1	40,850	—	Snelders	McKimmie
Sept 29	St Johnstone (A)	P.Div.	0-5	8,711	3	Snelders	McKimmie
Oct 3	New Salamis (H)	ECWC 1-2	3-0	9,884	—	Snelders	McKimmie
Oct 6	Rangers (H)	P.Div.	0-0	20,175	3	Snelders	McKimmie
Oct 13	Motherwell (A)	P.Div.	0-0	6,602	3	Dibble	McKimmie
Oct 20	Hearts (H)	P.Div.	3-0	14,636	3	Dibble	McKimmie
Oct 24	Legia Warsaw (H)	ECWC 2-1	0-0	15,946	—	Watt	McKimmie
Oct 27	Hibernian (A)	P.Div.	1-1	10,085	2	Dibble	McKimmie
Nov 3	Celtic (H)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Nov 7	Legia Warsaw (A)	ECWC 2-2	—	—	—	—	—
Nov 10	St Mirren (A)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Nov 17	St Johnstone (H)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Nov 24	Dundee United (A)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Dec 1	Dunfermline (H)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Dec 8	Hearts (A)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Dec 15	Motherwell (H)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Dec 22	Rangers (A)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Dec 29	St Mirren (H)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Jan 2	Dundee United (H)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Jan 5	Dunfermline (A)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Jan 12	Hibernian (H)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Jan 19	Celtic (A)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Jan 26		S.Cup 3	—	—	—	—	—
Feb 2	Hearts (H)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Feb 9	Motherwell (A)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Feb 16	St Johnstone (A)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Feb 23		S.Cup 4	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 2	Rangers (H)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 6		ECWC QF1	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 9	Dunfermline (H)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 16		S.Cup 5	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 20		ECWC QF2	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 23	Dundee United (A)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Mar 30	Hibernian (A)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Apr 6	Celtic (H)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Apr 10		ECWC SF1	—	—	—	—	—
Apr 13	Hearts (A)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Apr 20	Motherwell (H)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
Apr 24		ECWC SF2	—	—	—	—	—
Apr 27	St Mirren (A)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
May 4	St Johnstone (H)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
May 11	Rangers (A)	P.Div.	—	—	—	—	—
May 15		ECWC Final	—	—	—	—	—
May 18		S.Cup Final	—	—	—	—	—

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## Disappointing Results

The past fortnight has seen the young Dons engaged in a hectic series of four fixtures in two league competitions. In terms of results, the outcome, sad to say, has left little to enthuse over.

The series, in fact, opened with three defeats, Pittodrie teams going down 0-1 to Stirling Albion in the East Reserve League on Monday of last week; losing 0-2 in a rearranged Premier Reserve League fixture against Rangers at Ibrox three days later; and suffering another Premier Reserve setback - 1-3 this time - against Hibs at Pittodrie last Saturday.

At Stirling, a home side including a number of tralists dominated the first half and Derek Stillie had to pull off a couple of good saves to keep us on level terms at the interval, but the young keeper could do little to prevent John Mailer heading Stirling into the lead five minutes after the resumption.

This stung the Dons and Eoin Jess twice struck woodwork following neat moves with Ian Cameron and Andy Roddie respectively. Further frustration followed for Eoin when he had a spot kick saved by Stirling keeper Andy Graham, while Brian Lithgow was booked for persistent fouling.

Finishing shortcomings proved expensive at Ibrox where our outfield play was not rewarded as it should have been and it was left to Rangers to find the net twice through Gary McSwegan and John Spencer, the two goals coming in a three-minute spell late in the first half. To add to our problems, Andy Gibson was carried off injured in the second half and Malcolm Thomson and Ian Robertson were booked.

Two days after the Ibrox visit, the sticky patch continued when Hibs visited Pittodrie. Again the young Dons had some bad luck, but the defeat was mainly due to another disappointing display, Stephen Wright being the only Don to escape criticism.

Brian Lithgow receiving an eye injury in the opening minute of the game enforced a defensive reshuffle and while we were temporarily down to ten men before Colin McRonald was substituted for the injured player, David Fellingner took advantage of a misunderstanding between Gregg Watson and goalkeeper Michael Watt to put Hibs in front.

This lifted the Edinburgh side and they added two more goals through Steve Raynes and Alan Sneddon before the interval.

The Dons improved in the second half, but a late goal, Andy Roddie heading in a Wright cross, was the only reward.

Brian Lithgow recovered from his head knock over the weekend and was able to play in Monday's East Reserve League meeting with Forfar, which produced a victory at last. The 3-2 margin was all the more gratifying for the fact that we had a young team on duty, the game coinciding with Aberdeen's exhibition match at Dingwall.



*Stephen Wright ... playing consistently well.*

The Pittodrie youngsters capped an excellent first-half display with three goals, Lee Gardner opening their account from the penalty spot and Jamie McCarron adding two more goals, the first direct from a free kick on the edge of the box and the second from an Andy Gibson pass.

Against much more experienced Forfar opponents, we fell out of the game a bit in the second half and the home side scored twice, but it was a more than welcome win for the young Dons.

## Match Details

**Monday, 22nd October, 1990**

EAST RESERVE LEAGUE

**STIRLING ALBION 1 ABERDEEN 0**

Team: Stillie, McAnespie, Downie, McRonald, Lithgow, C. Robertson, Rae, McCarron, Jess, Cameron, Roddie. Subs - Gibson (for Rae), Humphries (for McCarron).

**Thursday, 25th October, 1990**

PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

**RANGERS 2 ABERDEEN 0**

Team: Watt, Wright, Humphries, Ferguson, Thomson, Gregg Watson, Gardner, I. Robertson, Gibson, Harvie, Cameron. Subs - Roddie (for Gibson), McAnespie (not used).

**Saturday, 27th October, 1990**

PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

**ABERDEEN 1 HIBS 3**

Scorer: Roddie

Team: Watt, Wright, Humphries, Gregg Watson, Thomson, Lithgow, Gardner, Ferguson, Roddie, Harvie, Cameron. Subs - McRonald (for Lithgow), McAnespie (for McRonald).

**Monday, 29th October, 1990**

EAST RESERVE LEAGUE

**FORFAR 2 ABERDEEN 3**

Scorers: McCarron (2), Gardner (pen).

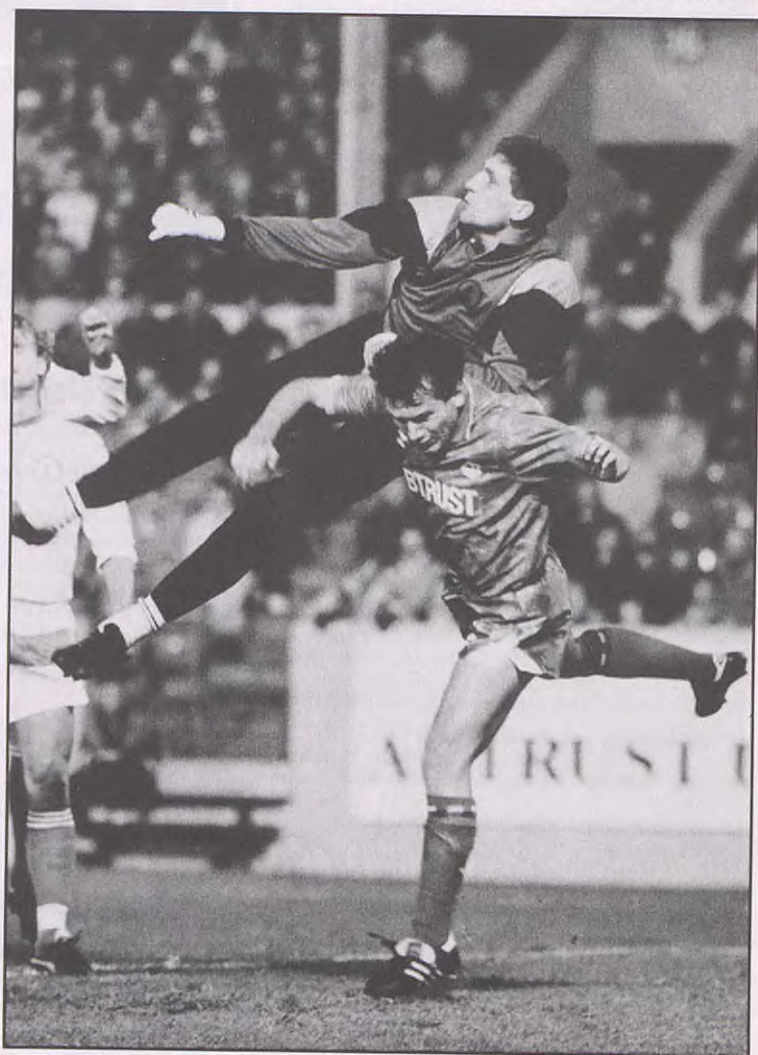
Team: Stillie, McAnespie, Humphries, Ferguson, Lithgow, McCarron, Downie, Gardner, Gibson, Rae, McRonald. Subs - McCafferty (for Rae), Fallon (not used).



# Aberdeen v. Legia Warsaw — European Cup Winners' Cup



Above: Central defenders turn strikers as Irvine and McLeish add height to the attack.  
Left: Brian Grant appears to choke with laughter at the Legia performance of 'Swan Lake'.  
Below: Goalkeeper Szczesny displays his acrobatic skill to deprive Gillhaus of an opening.







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## Prosinecki — the new golden boy of European soccer

Robert Prosinecki is soccer's latest sensation and the cracks of the continent are queuing up with open cheque books to buy him.

Rangers manager Graeme Souness can certainly testify to the youngster's breath-taking skills, for he masterminded Red Star Belgrade to a 3-0 win over the Ibrox club in their European Cup tie in Yugoslavia last week.

He is just 21, blond, handsome and engagingly modest about his ability. But other shrewd judges are only too prepared to discuss his gifts.

Former Real Madrid manager Miljan Miljanic, now technical director with Yugoslavia's international side, is unqualified in his praise: "Robert is the greatest talent this country has produced in the last decade," he says.

"At his age he is ahead of Dragan Stojkovic. He will go on to be a world-ranked star. But it is important he does not go abroad too early in his career. If he does he could be affected by the different standards in competition.

"There are also the personal, commercial and playing pressures which have to be considered. All these factors could have a detrimental effect."

Current international coach Ivica Osim says: "He is the player we will build future international teams around. He is that important to our plans."

AC Milan, Real Madrid and Olympic Marseilles are all on the trail of the gifted midfielder player. The French champions, who bought his team mate Dragan Stojkovic for £5 million earlier this year, could be favourites to win the signing race.

But Robert says: "I want to remain with Red Star for the time being. I owe it to the club because everyone has

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*Dragan Stojkovic*

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*Robert Prosinecki — Red Star's next export?*

been marvellous to me. I want to develop my career in Yugoslavia."

Money, however, is a great persuader, and Prosinecki's value is soaring with every impressive performance. Right now he is rated around £3 million.

Prosinecki first came to prominence in FIFA's World Youth Championships in Chile three years ago. Yugoslavia won the tournament and Prosinecki was awarded the Golden Boot for his outstanding contribution.

Pittodrie vice chairman Ian Donald, who was present at the championships, says: "The lad was a class apart from the other players. It was very obvious, even then, that he had a tremendous future."

Before that he had been signed as a schoolboy with VfB Stuttgart. The West German club took him on when his parents moved there to find work.

However, Stuttgart released him, the family moved back to Yugoslavia six years ago and the rest is history. The prospect of losing Prosinecki does not please Red Star coach Ljubomir Perovic. "If we had managed to retain our best players instead of selling them we would have won several European Cups by now," he says.

Astonishingly, Red Star, Yugoslavia's biggest club, have sold 34 of their best players in the past five years and have still remained champions.

Among those who have gone to the west are: Miodrag Krivokapic to Dundee United, Milan Jankovic to Real Madrid, the Vujovic brothers to France and Mithar Mrkela to Twente Enschede.

Footballers are Yugoslavia's best-known export. The smart money says Prosinecki will be the next to take the star trek west!



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## Past memories, confidence now and an optimistic future

It hasn't all been laughs for comedian Buff Hardie as he has indulged his favourite past-time of supporting the boys in red. For Buff can remember the dark days as well as the 'Team of the Decade' in the many years he has followed the Dons.

The 'Scotland the What' front man can remember specifically who did what, where and when, in the fortunes of the club. Buff says: "My memories stretch back to before the war. They are somewhat dim but I know I couldn't see over the dyke.

"During the War, a lot of fine players were posted to the area and guested with the team. Among them was Stan Mortensen from Blackpool and he was an outstanding performer.

"The first Dons' success I saw was when they beat Hibs 2-1 in the Scottish Cup. That team included such personalities as George Hamilton and Archie Baird. They also had a fine keeper called George Johnston who happened to be a baker. When he went up and held a cross the cry went up: 'A caker for the baker!'

"Unfortunately, that wasn't the case at Hampden, for his mistake was responsible for the Hibs goal. The local paper headlined it: 'Tragedy to Triumph'. Interestingly, the referee in that final was Bobby Calder who went on to play such a significant role in bringing young talent to Pittodrie.

"Ten years later the championship followed. Prominent in that great side was Graham Leggatt, one of the few local lads to shine with Aberdeen.

"Graham was also studying at Jordanhill for a PE certificate. This was in the era when teams didn't travel until the day of the match. When the manager phoned Graham in Glasgow on the Friday to check he was all right, Leggatt replied: 'Just fine! I had a great game of rugby today.'

"When we took on the great Celtic team in the Scottish Cup Final in 1970, we travelled to Hampden more in hope than anything else. But a penalty from wee Joe Harper, who was so much more than just a goalscorer, and two goals from Derek McKay who scored in every round of that competition, took the silverware north.

"The team really took off in the eighties, but I think the board must take a lot of credit. They have had the knack of almost always getting the right man for the job.



Buff Hardie

"Alex Ferguson was most definitely the right man for us, but for me, Gordon Strachan was the most creative player in that side. He wasn't given enough credit either by the Pittodrie support or the Scotland management. His talent was underrated — and still is!

"The present management are also on the right tracks, winning both cups last season. What impressed me most of all, though, is the knack Alex Smith has of plucking players at bargain prices from the continent.

"It is impossible to compare players from different eras, but if everyone was at his peak and in his prime this would be the best eleven I've seen: Snelders, McKimmie, McLeish, Miller, Buchan, Strachan, Varga, Glenn, Leggatt, Hamilton, Harper. Being the most remote of all Premier League teams makes it more difficult for Aberdeen and their supporters. All the travel over a season must be worth four points to their rivals.

"It must also cost the fans a small fortune! But I'm sure there is every reason to be confident about the future. The club have it right on and off the park. Aberdeen will remain one of Scotland's top three teams for the foreseeable future."



## Never more dangerous than now

CELTIC come north today straight from defeat in last Sunday's Skol Cup Final against Rangers. A game which could have gone either way.

In fact for long spells Celtic looked like winning the trophy which hasn't adorned the Parkhead boardroom for eight years. But at the end of the day it wasn't to be.

Now Billy McNeill's men will be determined to pick themselves off the floor and come straight back with a victory. Certainly this is the type of situation in which Celtic are traditionally at their most dangerous.

After an indifferent start to the season, Celtic have been playing well in recent weeks, despite losing to Rangers at Hampden last Sunday. Obviously their failure to convert some excellent leading up work into goals has cost them valuable points in the challenge for the championship. But manager McNeill has every right to be convinced that Celtic have indeed turned the corner after the disappointment of not winning a single honour last season.

Celtic are much changed from the last time they visited Pittodrie. Republic of Ireland hero Pat Bonner remains in goal. He's still displaying the high standards set in Italy during the World Cup Finals last summer which confirmed he's one of the best 'keepers in Europe.

Injury, illness and indifferent form means that the defence in front of Bonner has changed greatly. Against Rangers in the Skol Cup Final Celtic's back four read Peter Grant, Paul Elliott, Dariusz Wdowczyk and Anton Rogan. A Scotsman, an Englishman, a Pole and an Ulsterman. And all full Internationalists at that.

Grant normally plays in mid-field. However with Republic



Chris Morris

of Ireland International right back Chris Morris struggling to regain fitness, Grant has taken a step back recently.

Wdowczyk captain's Poland from left back. However with injury to Derek Whyte he's been moved to central defence along with Elliott allowing Rogan a chance to reclaim the left back berth again.



Paul McStay

Celtic's mid-field has been settled for most of the season. And no wonder! Paul McStay, John Collins and Steve Fulton would walk into most teams.

McStay is now club captain following Roy Aitken's transfer to Newcastle last season. Collins has fitted in perfectly after his £1 million transfer from Hibs in the summer. Young Fulton has matured perfectly playing along side the pair.

Up front Charlie Nicholas was bought back from Aberdeen during the close season to finish things off. Unfortunately for Charlie he's been plagued with injuries and hardly seen first team action. In his absence Celtic have promoted young Gerry Creaney to play with 'Jacki' Dziekanowski and another former Don, Joe Miller.

Creaney's form has been like a breath of fresh air. He's grabbed his chance with some exciting displays which also earned him an unexpected under 21 cap last month.

It really is amazing how quickly things change in football. After buying Martin Hayes from Arsenal and bringing Charlie back to his spiritual home, Celtic's aim was to perm Hayes, Nicholas and Andy Walker up front.

However Hayes has taken longer to adapt to the pace of



the Premier League than Celtic would have liked while Walker like Nicholas has been out injured too.

So Miller, Dziekanowski and Creaney have taken full advantage of the situation and will now require some shifting.

Having lost 3-0 to the Dons at Parkhead earlier this season, Celtic will require no added incentive to wind them up this afternoon. That result caused hurt as well as embarrassment in the east end of Glasgow.

Since then Celtic are undefeated in the Premier League in a run of seven games which has netted them 10 points. Although they've struggled to score goals, at least Celtic are not losing as many. Just four in these seven games in fact.

So far this term Celtic have used 21 different players in just 14 games. Only Pat Bonner, Peter Grant and John Collins are ever presents. However the team has a much more settled look about it now.

Centre half Paul Elliott, who scored Celtic's goal at Hampden, was voted man of the match. It's not often someone from the losing side wins this award. However Elliott was outstanding, as in fact he's been all season.

When Paul McStay missed one of his rare games recently Elliott was elevated to skipper. He is one of the most popular players at Celtic Park with the fans. Now after a very unfortunate spell with injuries, he's fast approaching the form which had some people south of the border predicting an England call up for this former Charlton, Luton, Aston Villa and Pisa pivot.

## Manager's Profile

BILLY McNeill holds the record of being the most successful player ever in Celtic's long and illustrious history. Some achievement when you consider the many fine players who have worn the green and white hoops over the years.

Billy has played most league games for the club — 486, between 1957 and 1975. During this spell he skippered the club to nine successive League Championship wins, seven Scottish Cup wins and six League Cup Final wins including five in a row.

Perhaps the finest ever victory under McNeill though was when Celtic became the first British team to win the European Cup when they defeated Inter Milan 2-1 in Lisbon in 1967.

When Billy finally hung up his boots, he didn't remain in football. He had a spell out of the game before being appointed manager of Clyde.

Then he moved to Aberdeen to replace Ally MacLeod who became Scotland manager. Billy then went back to his beloved Celtic before embarking on a spell in England. He was in charge of both Manchester City and Aston Villa before returning yet again to Celtic Park.

An inspirational player, Billy has also proved to be an inspirational manager. During Celtic's centenary year in 1988 it was fitting that Billy led them to the League and Cup double.





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