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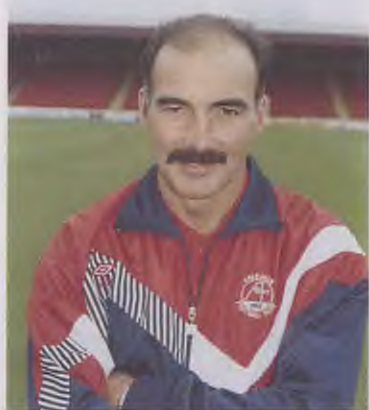


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Willie Miller

MANAGER'S REVIEW

Chances must be taken

Despite the disappointment of losing to Torino, we are not far away from making an impact in Europe. Scottish clubs suffer because of their massive League commitments. We have 44 games here as well as two Cup competitions. On the Continent they have just one Cup and fewer League games.

That puts us at a disadvantage compared to our European rivals but that will change next season when League reconstruction takes place. There is no doubt that European football is a completely different game to the one we are asked to play domestically. Yet if you look at our two games against Torino, I believe we competed and played as well as they did and don't forget they are one of the best on the Continent.

Theo Snelders had nothing to do at Pittodrie except pick the ball out of the net twice and suddenly we found ourselves out of the Cup Winners' Cup. There is a lesson to be learned there. The players did everything

asked of them and if we had been a little sharper in front of goal the outcome could have been very different.

We certainly created chances but were just not clinical enough and this is an area where there must be improvement.

It does not help our cause, that we are not one of the seeded clubs and this is also a disadvantage. It is vitally important we achieve this status by breaking through to the latter stages otherwise we will always be confronted by one of the big guns after the first round.

Perhaps the Torino tie had an effect against St. Johnstone, but if we are to be involved at that level then we must learn to handle it better than we did in the 1-1 draw at McDiarmid Park.

We started low-key, made nice patterns but were not effective. We then put an extra man forward in the second half, gave it a real go and were rewarded with the equaliser.

We had a penalty claim which I believe was valid but the referee, who initially gave the award, then changed his mind after consulting a linesman even though both were equidistant from the incident involving Duncan Shearer. If the penalty decision had stood it would obviously have helped our cause. I think the players deserve credit for the manner in which they came back. Nevertheless it was disappointing for us to lose a point and not perform as well as expected.

Tonight we meet a Celtic side even more dangerous than normal because of the arrival of their new manager Lou Macari. Unlike some teams Celtic always make a game of it at Pittodrie and I am sure the fans will be guaranteed an exciting night. We have played well in every big game so far this season. Naturally I want this to continue so that we can consolidate our position as League leaders.

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PLAYER PROFILE

Stephen's made of the Wright stuff



Stephen Wright

Next week in Malta will see Stephen Wright end his outstanding career with Young Scotland. The Dons defender will earn his 16th cap in the final match in the unsuccessful campaign to qualify for the latter stages of the European Under-21 Championships.

Despite the disappointments Stephen, 22, is convinced the experience gained has been invaluable to his development.

He explained: "Take the European tie with Torino in the Stadio Delle Alpi. It would have been all too easy to have been overawed by the surroundings and the occasion, but it didn't get to me at all because of what I've been through with my country. When I came on as a substitute with half an hour to go, I was not affected in any way.

DIFFERENT STYLES

"Only the previous week I had played against Italy's Under 21s in Avezanno near Rome so I knew what to expect. Torino was only

the fourth time I have been involved in a European tie so the involvement with Craig Brown's team has been vital. You learn about conditions in different countries, the styles played there and how to handle it all.

"Playing with the best youngsters ensures you get respect and mixing regularly with the senior players also helps the learning process. You know as well that every time you turn out for the Under 21s there is an opportunity to step up to the senior side if you measure up to expectations.

"Thankfully, I have already done that along with Eoin Jess and Scott Booth.

RESPONSIBILITY

"The manager constantly stresses that we must accept extra responsibility and having captained the Under 21s on occasions makes you more aware of what he is after. There is no doubt in my mind that there are still a lot of talented lads breaking through at the

moment so Scotland will continue to do well at this level."

SPECTATOR

This season Stephen has been a spectator more often than not and he doesn't know what has caused his form to dip below the high level of performance he has set himself.

He admitted: "If I knew what the reason was I would do everything possible to rectify it. I know I should have been more consistent but every season so far I have found it increasingly difficult to play to my best.

"The game is certainly getting quicker. Opponents also become more familiar with your style and make it harder for you to play, but with the size of the squad at Pittodrie I know I must make better use of my chances when they come. It was disappointing to come so close to knocking Torino out of the Cup Winners' Cup but there is still a lot to play for and I'd like to be part of it – sooner rather than later."



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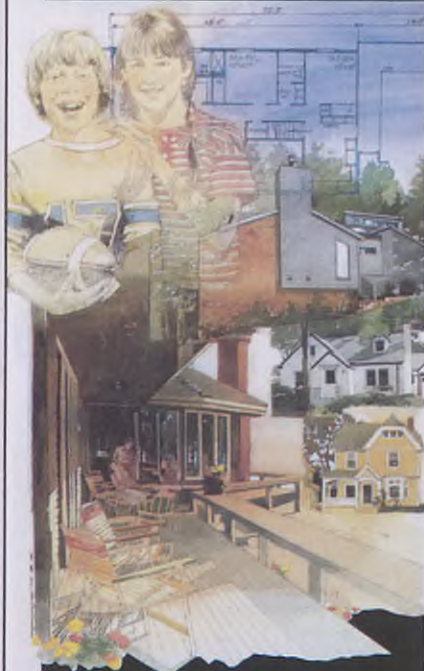


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Club Shop Discount

Members of the Supporters Association who use their Membership Card for discount in the Club Shop are reminded that all cards must be signed and dated.

Alford Supporters Club - 30 Years

Although available records show that Alford Supporters Club was formed on 22nd October 1963, it has in fact been in existence since the early 1950's when Harry Yorston was the first Honorary President. Bill Clark, one of its original members, has been attending Pittodrie for 63 years and has just celebrated his 80th birthday by attending the Torino match. Happy Birthday to the Alford Branch.

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New Video In

The Club Shop will have the new video in FIRST on Thursday evening. The club calendar is here and diary is due within one week. Player photo cards will follow shortly and the new teamwear will be in during November. Look out for our new price list in Saturday's programme, or from the shop on Bridge Street, Aberdeen. Tel. 0224 593866.



AROUND ABERDEEN

Match Ball Sponsor



Representatives of Morgan Moore Engineering are seen receiving an autographed football from Robert Connor after the Torino match. Morgan Moore Engineering sponsored the matchball and enjoyed a meal for four before the game.

Anyone interested in the remaining matchball packages for this season should contact the Commercial Department at Pittodrie on 0224 630944.

Magnificent Support

This section of the South Stand are seen celebrating our goal on Wednesday. The atmosphere and backing given to the team were quite fantastic and appreciated by the players. Lets keep up this great support and help the team on to success this season.

Man of the Match



Sandy Clark of Amec Offshore Developments is seen above congratulating Lee Richardson on his Man of the Match performance against Torino last Wednesday. Amec Offshore Developments sponsored the match and Lee received an award for his fine display.