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Celtic

*Scottish Premier League
Saturday 11th December 1999*

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From the Dugout

This afternoon we welcome Celtic for our last home fixture before Christmas and, on behalf of everyone at Aberdeen Football Club, I would like to take this opportunity to wish our supporters everywhere a very Merry Christmas.

There is no doubt we are looking for a vast improvement in our performance compared to the last time we met Celtic when, to be perfectly honest, we were given a total run-around by the Glasgow side.

Since then, of course, we have made quite a few changes to the squad and there will obviously be quite a few players involved today who were not at the club the last time we faced each other.

We have only three games scheduled between now and the winter break and it is absolutely crucial that we get as many points from these as we possibly can, in order to allow to prepare for the remainder of the campaign from a more respectable position than we currently find ourselves in.

As I have stated before, with so many new players coming in during a relatively short period of time, it is going to take a while for everyone to get used to playing with everyone else. I know the vast majority of supporters appreciate this and all I am asking is that a little patience is shown in the short term.

On the injury front, we are obviously still without several players such as David Lilley, Andreas Mayer and Juan Cobian, who will all be out until the winter break. At the time of writing, there is a chance that Thomas Solberg will be available for selection after the foot injury which has kept him out for the past three weeks.

It has been heartening to be able to bring some of the youngsters through into the first team squad in the past few weeks and players like Rachid Belabed, Kevin Rutkiewicz, Chris Clark and Phillip McGuire will certainly have benefited from the experience. The developing of young talent will always be the way forward for a club such as Aberdeen and it is important that the lads playing in the Under-21 team see that they can progress if they display the right attitude. Hopefully, in the weeks and months ahead, I will have the opportunity to give more of our youngsters a taste of first team football.



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Major Honours

European Cup Winners Cup - 1983
Super Cup - 1983
Scottish League Championship - 1954-55, 1979-80, 1983-84,
and 1984-85
Scottish Cup - 1947, 1970, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986 and 1990
Scottish League Cup - 1955-56, 1976-77, 1985-86, 1989-90
and 1995-96
Drybrough Cup - 1971 and 1980

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Date	Game	Venue	Kick-off	Stand/Ticket Prices	Ticket Office Additional Information
13 th Dec	SPLYouths Under 21 League Celtic V Aberdeen	Almondvale, Livingston	7.00 pm	£5 pay at the gate	
20 th Dec	SPL Youths Under 21 League Aberdeen V Dundee	Pittodrie	7.00pm	Under 15's Free with Voucher, £5.00 admits 2 adults	Family Fun Night
27 th Dec	Aberdeen V Dundee United	Pittodrie	3.00pm	Main £20 & £18/£10 RDS Upper/Lower £15 RDS Rear £17 South £14/£8 Merkland £13/£7	1. Open 9am – 4.45 Mon – Fri 2. Open 10am – 4.45 Thurs 3. Cash Turnstiles

Dundee V Aberdeen

Saturday 18th December 1999

Dens Park – Kick Off 3.00pm

Prices

The Club has been allocated 4,000 tickets for the game at Dens Park which is not all ticket. Cash turnstiles will be in operation at Dens Park with prices as follows:

Main Grand Stand £15 and £7 concession / Bob Shankly Stand £14 and £8 concession



How to Get There

You can reach Dens Park Stadium by the following routes:

BUSES: There is a frequent service of buses from the city centre. Numbers 1A and 1B leave from Albert Square and Numbers 18, 19 and 21 leave from Commercial Street.

TRAINS: Trains from all over the country pass through the mainline Dundee station and fans can then proceed to the ground by the above buses from stops situated close to the station.

CARS: Cars may be parked in the car park and local streets adjacent to the ground.

All info correct @ 8/12/99 but may be subject to change.

For further information or clarification on any point please contact Ticket Office Manager Carol Anne Irving on 01224 650444


The Pittodrie ticket office is open between 9 am and 4.45 pm on weekdays, except Thursday when it opens at 10 a.m. due to staff training. And remember, all tickets (except all ticket matches) are subject to a pound discount if purchased prior to matchday.

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Action Shots

from the CIS Cup game against Rangers



Kevin Rutkiewicz has an aerial tussle with Tero Pentilla.



Andy Dow takes on Gordon Durie down the flank.

Andy Dow nets the goal that sends the Dons into the semi-final



Cato Guntveit back heels the ball past Arthur Numan.

Photos by Andy Convey

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Archie News

Win tickets to see The Happy Prince



The Happy Prince is adapted from Oscar Wilde's classic story. The show which will be on at the Lemon Tree from Wednesday 15 - Thursday 23 December, is ideal for children aged three and over to share with grown ups.

Imagine, high above the city stands the golden statue of the Happy Prince. One night a cheeky swallow stops to rest at the statue's feet. The Prince and the Swallow become best of friends and have a great adventure. Join them as their story is magically

brought to life with music, live action and colourful video animation. Together they travel the world visiting exciting and exotic places, and back at home they help poor people in the city with generous gifts which change their lives.

I'm pleased to give three families of four have the chance to win tickets to see The Happy Prince on Sunday 19 December at 7.00pm.

Please answer the following question and send your entry to Archie All-in-One, Happy Prince Competition, Marketing Department, Atlantic Telecom, Holburn House, 475-485 Union Street, Aberdeen AB11 6DB by Wednesday 15th December. Please include your name, address, age and telephone number.

Q: Who wrote The Happy Prince?

I'm going to be in the Atlantic shop in the Bon Accord Centre on Saturday 18 December from 12pm-2pm. I will have some great goodies to give away. I hope to see you there!



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MARTIN GETS A LITTLE HAND...

Martin McDonald from Inverness is a black belt in Tae-Kwan-Do and along with his teammates, recently took part in an International tournament in Italy. Martin was given a helping hand from the Dons when the Pittodrie staff put together a collection to help him meet the cost of travelling abroad. Martin did his country proud too, reaching the quarter finals of the tournament. Well done Martin.



TENNENTS LAGER SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE REVIEW

The winners of last month's competition were Dave Donald from Glasgow, Roy Black from Banchory, Anne Park from Banchory, Mitchell Wood from Mintlaw and Mr E MacLean from Nairn who all correctly answered that Thomas Solberg is Norwegian. A copy of the League Review will be on its way to you all in the next few days. Congratulations!



HMV TEAM UP WITH THE DONS

Today's music is provided by HMV in the Trinity Centre, Aberdeen. HMV will be providing music for all home matches for this season.

News & Gossip



Exiled Dons set up in Perth (Australia that is!)

Doug Dickson is an exiled Dons fan currently residing in Perth, Western Australia but as you can see, he is keeping the Dons flag flying high. Doug was recently visited by his brother in law and his family who brought the latest strip to keep Doug kitted out. Doug is pictured left with his brother in law Norman and his daughter Nina. Doug also had the luxury of celebrating our 6-5 win over today's visitors Motherwell and clearly that result brought a smile to his face too. *Keep up the good work Doug!*



UNDER 12s

Following on from Wednesday's programme, the Under 12 side were in action against their Hibernian counterparts both home and away. The boys performed well in both encounters and have certainly shown they can hold their own so far. The hard working lads are pictured before their first game against Hibernian in October.



BIRTHDAY BOY VISITS PITTODRIE



Peter Flynn from Aberdeen was due to attend the Motherwell game last week but had to postpone his visit due to the cancellation. However, Peter is coming along to today's match to celebrate his birthday with his dad Mike and will be cheering on the Reds, in

particular his favourite player Thomas Solberg. Hopefully, Thomas will have returned from injury to help make your day Peter!

Atlantic TELECOM STOP PRESS...

Calling all young Dons Fans for your chance to win with AFC Club Sponsor, Atlantic Telecom.

All you have to do is turn up to the RDS Concourse at Pittodrie between 6pm - 7pm on Monday 20 December for the last Family Night Football of the Millennium. The Dons will be clashing with Dundee, but before the game there's a whole hour of fun, games and entertainment not to mention prizes, courtesy of Atlantic.

Visit the Atlantic Telecom stand in the RDS Concourse for your chance to delve deep into the Atlantic Telecom Lucky Dip*. We've got 500 great prizes to give-away, to make sure you get your groovy gift - get there early!

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