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MANAGER'S *comment*

SACRIFICE REQUIRED

I am sure you, our supporters, feel as frustrated as I do at recent events. To have played as well as we have in our last three games against Hibs, Kilmarnock and Rangers and to collect just one point is rough justice. I am a firm believer that if you play well you will get your reward in most games. This has not happened at a time when we needed a break more than ever before.

MOUNTAIN TO CLIMB

It has been stressed to the players that we cannot afford to dwell on the past and feel sorry for ourselves. Our mountain is now even tougher to climb but the players remain positive and committed to the task. We are capable of getting there if we maintain the standards achieved in those recent games and become a little more aggressive.

BECOME RUTHLESS

Aggression is all that is missing from our play. The players are giving their lot but to change it we must become more ruthless. This comes more naturally to some players than to others. It is within every player to give a little extra – either to stop a goal or



help make one – and sacrifice himself for the cause.

The next two games, today against Celtic and next Tuesday against Motherwell at Fir Park, are now vital fixtures. We are now at the stage where good performances must be turned into points in order to pressure the teams above us in the league by closing the gap on them.

CONFIDENCE BACK

With Duncan Shearer and Billy Dodds having their confidence boosted after scoring at Ibrox last week, we have to keep creating chances to allow them the opportunity to prosper.

Celtic, who are still in the chase to qualify for a UEFA Cup place, will be difficult opponents as they have the best defensive record in the league. I genuinely believe that if we maintain our form and continue to receive the same magnificent backing from our supporters we can get the result we require.

ROY AITKEN

When did you sign for the Dons?

Alex Smith decided I was "the guy" he wanted on 5th November, 1992.

How did you come up through the ranks?

I trained with the Dons from under 12 to under 16 under the guidance of Lenny Taylor and George Adams. Signed for Shrewsbury at the age of 16½. Moved back to Scotland with Brechin and now, happily, to the Dons my home town team.

Who introduced you to senior football?

Ian McNeil himself a former popular Dons player and now with Bruce Rioch at Bolton spotted me in the Aberdeen International Youth Football Festival and took me south.

With whom do you share on away trips?

It's Eoin Jess for me. Not because I hope some of his ability rubs off on me but only because he brews up a nice cup of tea.

Any representative honours?

Well – yes and no. I gained an under 19 Scottish cap against Ireland but our illustrious team captain Stewart McKimmie keeps reminding me "it disnae coont!" because the match was abandoned after 63 minutes.

Which opponents do you hold in good regard?

Brian Laudrup – what a talent! Michael O'Neil of Hibs is another I admire for his busy, buzzy, creative style of play.

fact file

Name:

Scott ThomsonAge: **23**Date of Birth: **29.1.72**

Place of Birth:

AberdeenHeight: **5'10"**Weight: **11st. 7lb.**Nickname: **Nipper**

(inherited from my dad who also was called Nipper. He played for Sunnybank Juniors and was capped for Scotland Juniors). I got the name at school because I like to believe I was a little fast.

Scott Thomson

Who brought you to Pittodrie?

I understand I was "watched" at Brechin by Aberdeen scouts before being signed by Alex Smith.

Who stands out as your early football heroes?

Maradona is my all time favourite for his skill and vision. Also of course his notorious 'hand of God' goal against England earned him extra bonus points with me. Nearer home the late Davie Cooper is highly respected as the gentleman of Scottish football. His general demeanour plus his skills and trickery made him something special.

Who have been major influences in your career?

All managers for whom I've played have developed me as a player. My dad is a constant source of encouragement and constructive criticism. George Smith my former "manager" with Tillydrone and also a scout for Brechin is someone I greatly respect.

Is TV over-exposing the game?

No! We get an opportunity to watch and hopefully learn from seeing the best of players put their skills on show.

Which of the young Dons do you identify as strong future prospects?

Shuggie Robertson. Great ability. Equally great endeavour and the possessor of cannonball like shooting ability. Kenny Gilbert is another who gives 100%. Battling effort whenever he plays.

Any memorable good or bad moments stand out in your memory?

It was certainly good to get a new start with my home town team when I signed for the Dons. The Bradford & Heysel disasters leave an indelible impression on one's mind and serve to highlight the less happy face of football.

Any pre match fads?

I always wear two pair of socks and I always

fill my mouth with water (some of the guys think that's about a gallon's worth) before running out. I spit it out with my first footstep on the park.

Small sided, non competitive games are seen as the way ahead for our young people. What are your views?

I'm 100% behind the concept! Anything that provides kids with more touches of the ball and greater involvement in the games without being pressured by the competitive elements at a young age is bound to bear fruit.

Interest in other sports?

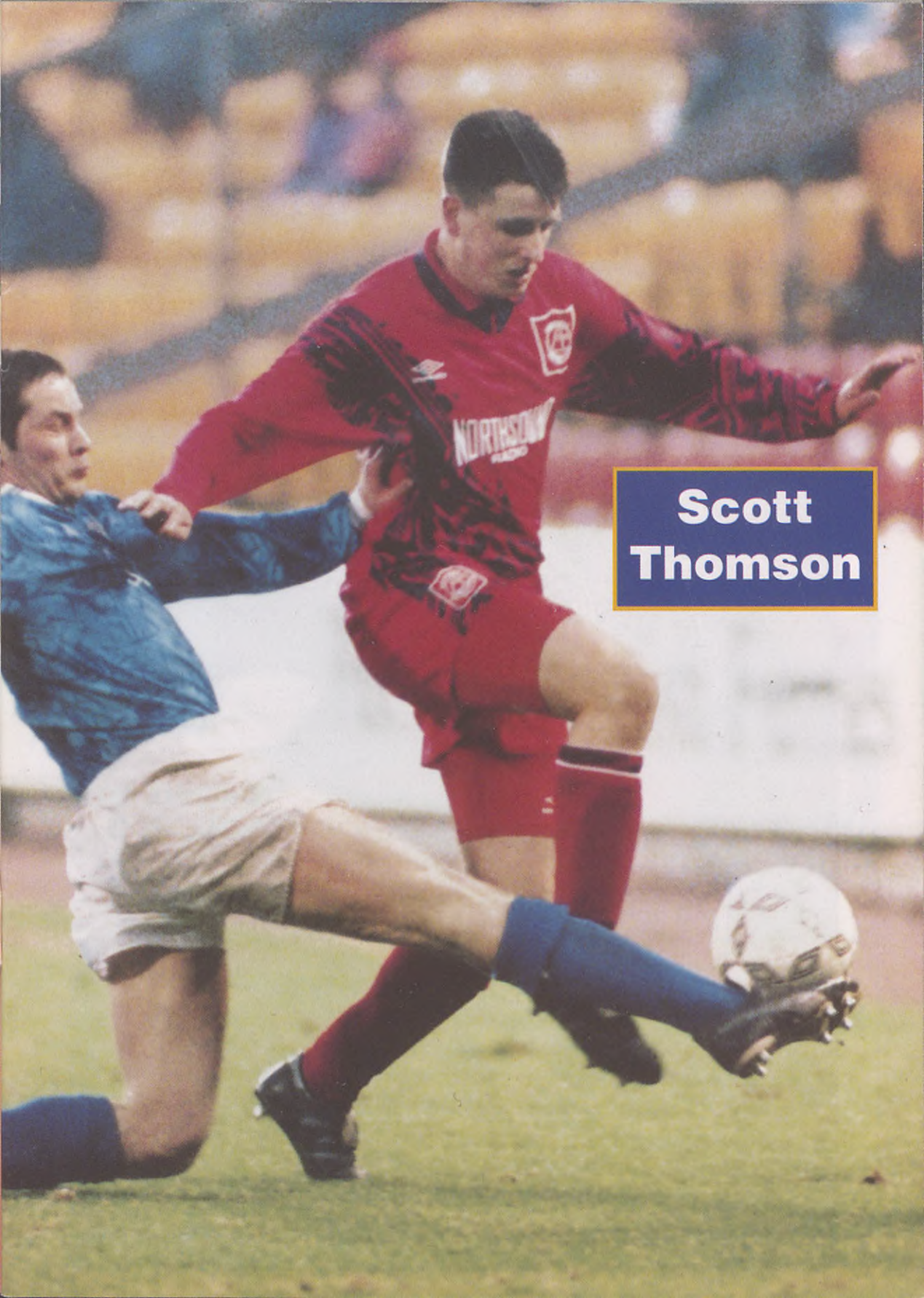
I play snooker and like a round of golf although I'm regarded as a bit of a bandit by the lads!!

Do you live in club digs?

No. I live with my dad only a short stone's throw of the stadium.

Do you involve yourself in youth coaching?

I have helped out Chic McLelland when asked but I'm only too happy to help out whenever and wherever I can and as time permits.



**Scott
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