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From the Dugout

First of all, on behalf of Tommy and myself, I would like to express my thanks for the fantastic welcome we have been given by Aberdeen supporters everywhere. Everyone has gone out of their way to help in any way they can and we have received countless messages of good wishes which, I can assure you, has been really appreciated.

From my point of view, the pre season went very well and it has given me the opportunity to assess the current playing squad as well as the chance to see what some of the younger players might be capable of. It is no secret that I want to bring in new players but they have to be better than what we already have as a club such as ourselves simply cannot afford to make mistakes in the transfer market.

We have already had more than our fair share of injuries with Darren Young, David Rowson and Jamie Buchan unable to make the trip to Germany, Jim Leighton, Eoin Jess and Robbie Winters starting later than their teammates and Andreas Mayer, Ilian Kiriakov and Michael Hart all picking up knocks whilst we were away. The fact that I was forced to play Derek Young, a forward, in midfield against St Pauli last weekend tells its own story.

Our aim this year is obviously, first and foremost, to do substantially better than last season when, by all accounts, we threw games away on far too many occasions. It will be a slow rebuilding process and I would ask all our fans to be patient as I cannot work miracles.

What I can promise is that I will be demanding one hundred percent effort from the players all of the time



and anyone who fails to deliver will face the consequences.

I must confess that meeting Celtic in my first competitive game in charge is far from ideal in some ways as I am still getting to know the strengths and weaknesses of the squad and it would have been nice to have had more time to prepare for what is going to be a very difficult match. With Kenny Dalglish and John Barnes in a similar position to Tommy and myself, it will be a big game for them too and I wish them all the best with Celtic - except, of course, when they play Aberdeen!

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ON THE BALL




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Scottish Football Round-Up

AS THE SPL ENTERS ITS SECOND SEASON WITH THE PROMISED EXPANSION OF THE TOP LEAGUE TO 12 CLUBS AT THE END OF THIS SEASON, THE LAST SUMMER BREAK OF THIS CENTURY HAS BEEN RELATIVELY QUIET ON THE TRANSFER FRONT. WITH THE FULL EFFECTS OF POST BOSMAN FOOTBALL NOW COMING TO THE FORE, MANY CLUBS ARE NOW ADOPTING A CAUTIOUS APPROACH WHEN IT COMES TO OFFERING LENGTHY CONTRACTS TO UNPROVEN IMPORTS. TODAY'S VISITORS CELTIC ARE BUCKING THE TREND, WITH A NEW REGIME WASTING LITTLE TIME IN ADDING TO THEIR SQUAD. DALGLISH AND BARNES BROKE THE SCOTTISH TRANSFER RECORD TO SIGN EYEL BERKOVIC AFTER A PROTRACTED TRANSFER FROM WEST HAM. MUCH WILL BE EXPECTED FROM THE MIDFIELD PLAYMAKER, BUT MANY OBSERVERS ARE OF THE OPINION THAT OLIVIER TEBILY, A £1.25M BUY FROM SHEFFIELD UTD COULD PROVE TO BE A BARGAIN BUY. CERTAINLY EYEBROWS WERE RAISED WHEN BARNES OPTED TO SIGN BOBBY PETTA FROM IPSWICH AND DIMITRIE KHARINE FROM CHELSEA, AND WITH THE IMPENDING ARRIVAL OF STILIAN PETROV FROM CSKA SOFIA, CELTICS SPENDING HAS RISEN TO £9M THIS SUMMER.

OLD FIRM RIVALS RANGERS FOR ONCE, ARE LAGGING BEHIND IN THE TRANSFER STAKES. BOSS DICK ADVOCAT, IN HIS SECOND YEAR IN CHARGE AT IBROX, IS CONVINCED HIS SQUAD IS GOOD ENOUGH AND HE ONLY REQUIRED SOME FINE TUNING UP FRONT WITH THE £4M SIGNING OF MICHAEL MOLS FROM UTRECHT. RANGERS HAVE ALSO MANAGED TO OFF LOAD FRENCH FLOP STEPHANE GUIVARCH TO AUXERRE, RECOUPING £3M FOR THE FRENCH WORLD CUP STAR. RANGERS ONLY OTHER NEW FACE IS DUNDEE'S POLISH INTERNATIONAL DARIUS ADAMCZUK.

THE PREMIER ALSO WELCOMES BACK ALEX MCLEISH AND HIBERNIAN AFTER THEIR SUCCESSFUL SPELL IN DIVISION ONE. THE FERVOUR GENERATED BY THE FORMER DON HAS CERTAINLY GIVEN CAUSE FOR

OPTIMISM. MCLEISH IS ALSO SCOURING THE EUROPEAN TRANSFER MARKET IN AN EFFORT TO BOLSTER THE SQUAD AS HIBS LOOK TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES BACK IN TO THE BIG TIME. NEW SIGNINGS INCLUDE DIRK LEHMANN AND FABRICE HENRY FROM FULHAM AND FC BASLE REPECTIVELY.

LAST SEASONS SHOCK TROOPS ST JOHNSTONE RETURN TO EUROPE AFTER AN ABSENCE OF 28 YEARS, AND MANAGER SANDY CLARK HAS RETAINED ALL OF LAST SEASONS SQUAD. WITH THE ADDITION OF PARTICK'S MARTIN LAUCHLAN, A £50,000 PURCHASE, CLARK IS WELL AWARE OF THE PITFALLS THAT COULD BE AHEAD. TEAM SPIRIT WILL AGAIN BE THE KEY FACTOR FOR THE PERTH SAINTS.

NOBODY DOWN GORGIE ROAD WILL WANT TO ENDURE A REPEAT OF LAST SEASON, AFTER HEARTS FLIRTED WITH RELEGATION FOR MOST OF THE SEASON. FOLLOWING THEIR SUCCESS IN 1997/98, MUCH WAS EXPECTED FROM THE JAMBOS LAST TIME OUT, BUT WITH THE LOSS OF NEIL MC CANN AND DAVID WEIR, THE EDINBURGH CLUB STRUGGLED, AND IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE RETURN OF INFLUENTIAL MIDFIELD MAN COLIN CAMERON THAT THE JAMBOS FINNALLY STEERED CLEAR FROM THE DANGER AREA. BOSS JIM JEFFRIES HAS MADE CAMERON CAPTAIN AND HE HAS BROUGHT IN FABIEN LECLERCQ FROM FRENCH CLUB LILLE.

BOBBY WILLIAMSON EARNED MUCH CREDIBILITY FOR TAKING KILMARNOCK BACK INTO EUROPE LAST YEAR, AND ONCE AGAIN, KILLIE WILL PROVE TO BE A TOUGH PROPOSITION, MORE SO AT RUGBY PARK. WITH ONLY ONE ADDITION TO THE SQUAD, MICHAEL JEFFREY ARRIVING FROM FORTUNA SITTARD, KILLIE HAVE RELEASED RAY MONTGOMERIE AND ALLY MC COIST HAS AGREED TO SIGN FOR ANOTHER SEASON.

THE RESURGENCE THAT SWEEPED THROUGH FIR PARK LAST SEASON WITH THE ARRIVAL OF NEW OWNER JOHN BOYLE AND THE APPOINTMENT OF PAT NEVIN

TO THE BOARD, ARGUABLY, IN HINDSIGHT, COULD HAVE SAVED WELL' FROM RELEGATION. THE SIGNINGS OF ANDY GORAM AND JOHN SPENCER PROVED AN INSPIRED MOVE, AND THE STEELMEN WILL ONCE MORE, RELY HEAVILY ON THE FORMER RANGERS PAIR THIS TIME OUT. MANAGER BILLY DAVIES STILL LACKS EXPERIENCE AT THE TOP LEVEL, AND HIS ONLY NEW FACE IS KEVIN TWADDLE, A £100,000 BUY FROM MORTON, WHILE EDDIE MAY HAS MOVED TO DUNFERMLINE.

ON TAYSIDE, DUNDEE BROUGHT BACK THE GOOD OLD DAYS TO DENS BY BEATING ARCH RIVALS UNITED WITH EASE AND FINISHING A HIGHLY CREDIBLE 5TH IN THE LEAGUE LAST YEAR AFTER A POOR START AND WERE MANY ONLOOKERS' FAVOURITES FOR THE DROP. WITH RECORD SEASON TICKET SALES AND DENS PARK NOW COMING INTO LINE WITH SPL STANDARD, THE DS' HAVE MUCH TO LOOK FORWARD TO, BUT WITH THE DEPARTURES OF BRIAN IRVINE, JIM MCINALLY, DARIUS ADAMCZUK AND IAIN ANDERSON, BOSS JOCKY SCOTT WILL BE WELL AWARE OF THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN HIS SQUAD IF THEY ARE TO SURVIVE THIS TIME OUT.

ACROSS THE ROAD AT TANNADICE, PAUL STURROCK HAS QUIETLY GONE ABOUT RESTRUCTURING HIS UNITED SQUAD. AFTER FINISHING IN 9TH PLACE LAST SEASON, A DRASTIC IMPROVEMENT WILL BE REQUIRED IF THE TANGERINES ARE GOING TO AVOID ANOTHER RELEGATION BATTLE. STURROCK HAS BROUGHT IN JOAQUIM FERRAZ FROM BELENENSES AND TONY SMITH FROM AIRDRIE TO OFFSET THE DEPARTURES OF JOE MILLER, BRIAN MC LAUGHLIN, KJELL OLOFSSON AND NEIL MURRAY, A ONE TIME DONS TARGET WHO HAS SINCE RETURNED TO FRANCE.



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DONS IN AIFF ACTION

Aberdeen Football Club Boys Club participated at both 14 and under and under 12 levels in the 19th Aberdeen International Football Festival at Seaton Park which took place the week before last, the event, as ever, attracting clubs from all over the globe.

In the 14's event, the Dons, who were playing in Section A, began the week with a comfortable 5-0 win against English club Hesketh Bank, a victory which was followed up with 7-2 successes against both the Faroe Isles and Old Benonians from South Africa.

Those results saw the Pittodrie youngsters qualify for the semi-finals as group winners, where they were unfortunately defeated by a very impressive South London Schools select team, who went on to defeat defending champions Dundee United in the final. Although the Londoners won 3-0 in the semi, two of the goals came in the last five minutes as the Dons pressed forward for the equaliser.

Aberdeen had to content themselves with a play off for third and fourth place, where they met the Faroese for the second time during the week. This time the game was a lot closer, the Faroe Isles fighting back from two goals down to earn a share of the spoils. That meant the match being decided on penalty kicks, with Aberdeen triumphing 7-6 in a high quality shoot out.



The under 12 team took part in the seven a side event, winning all five of their games.

Full back Walter Wyllie (left) and midfielder Steven Watt seen here in action against the Faroe Isles in Aberdeen's third/fourth place play-off fixture at Seaton Park.



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MATCHBALL SPONSOR

Mr Chips was the Matchball Sponsor at the Hearts game and are pictured receiving their autographed AFC football from Paul Bernard.



HEARTS MATCH SPONSOR

The Stewart Milne Group was the Match Sponsor of the Dons final home game of last season against Hearts and are pictured with man of the match, Andreas Mayer.



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Dons 'TV Stars' get free season tickets!

Roy Duncan, Mark Irvine and Mike Jermison were seen the world over wearing the new Aberdeen away strip when TV cameras focused on them following Manchester United's victory over Bayern Munich.

As a thank you the three were at Pittodrie in mid-July to receive free season tickets courtesy of Club Sponsors Atlantic Telecom. Jackie Doyle, Atlantic's head of Marketing said "It was a sheer fluke that the lads appeared on camera for so long but from our point of view it was obviously great publicity.

David Rowson and Darren Young were on hand to help Jackie with the presentation and Michael, Mark and Roy are also set for a VIP day out at Old Trafford in the coming months.

Congratulations guys!



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

NEW GROUNDSMEN AT PITTODRIE?

The pupils of Elrick Primary School visited Pittodrie during the close season and when looking at the pitch from trackside, they were asked if they wanted to help spread the grass seeds for this season.

As you can see from the photo on the right, our 'little workers' were only too happy to help out! The pupils also visited the Board Room on their tour and in general, a great time was had by one and all.



Aberdeen Football Club Annual Golf Tournament

On a glorious summer's day in June, Aberdeen Football Club teed off their 3rd annual golf tournament.

No one could be accused of not keeping in with the Chairman as the Stewart Milne Group Team headed by Finance Director, Glen Allison, won the top prize.

Furthermore, in the in-house competition Chairman Stewart Milne and Vice Chairman Ian Donald took their team to the top slot! This was due to top golf, of course, rather than political correctness!

Runners-up places were taken by the Royal Bank of Scotland and TransCo.

A great day was had by all, with all the celebrations topped of with a gala dinner in the Richard Donald Suite with guest speaker, Willie Allan.

Next year's tournament will be held in June with date to be confirmed early in the New Year. Companies interested in participating should contact Alan Dinnett on 01224 650435.

DONS MARATHON MAN COMES FIRST!

Kevin Tulloch from Aberdeen recently ran in the Flora London Marathon on behalf of Aberdeen Football Club in the annual Football Club Challenge. Wearing the Dons home strip, Kevin did himself and the Club proud, winning the Scottish Club's Challenge and finishing second overall out all the Clubs that took part. Kevin is pictured receiving his trophy from Pittodrie Fitness Coach Stuart Hogg.





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ATLANTIC TELECOM DIAL UP FOR MILLENIUM SEASON

Atlantic Telecom is gearing up for AFC's Millennium season with the launch of its new mascot, 'Archie All-in-One', who will be joining Angus the Bull and Wee Alickie to cheer on the Dons. Watch out for lots of great new Archie goodies which will be given away through the season.

Over 400 children entered a competition in the Evening Express to design the new Atlantic mascot. While it was a very tough decision the winner was eight year-old Sean Jones from Aberchirder Primary School near Huntly, who came up with the winning design. Sean won a Playstation for himself and £500 of art equipment for his school.

'Archie All-in-One' is half mobile phone and half traditional phone, just like Atlantic's new All-in-One Package. All-in-One is available for Atlantic Telecom customers and combines the billing and tariffs on both your mobile and your fixed line phone. So whether you already have a mobile phone, or you've been thinking about getting one - the Atlantic All-in-One package could be the ideal solution, saving you both time and hassle.

As Atlantic Telecom kick off their second year as club sponsor of AFC, they would like to join all Dons fans in wishing the team the very best of luck for the Millennium season.

Dons Treble Chance & Lottery

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Attention all Home Advantage Members!

A reminder that Home Advantage members can now pay at the turnstile on match days provided they show their membership cards.

New Teletext Scottish Premier League Service

Dons fans can keep up to date with their club's progress in a new section being launched by Teletext on Channel 4. Aberdeen now has its own dedicated page (p156 C4) updated daily.

The Aberdeen page, part of a new SPL section, is the latest development of Teletext's recently launched service for Scotland, which provides news and sport tailored to the nation's needs.

Club fans will be provided with:

- Opinions from club fanzines and fans' letters.
- The latest team news.
- Players profiles.
- Tickets, competitions and quizzes.
- Match previews
- Match day statistics
- Fixtures

Teletext's main football service on ITV (p410) will still keep fans in touch with the latest club news and match reports - and the C4 service will supplement it with features that are not available on ITV. In addition, ex-player-turned-pundit John Colquhoun writes a column every Monday in Sports Extra, indexed on p480.

Teletext's Scotland Editor Dennis Whyte said "In the year that Scotland has achieved devolution, Teletext is responding to local needs and offering services which give our viewers even more choice. Teletext endeavours to develop local stories, delivered by local writers for local needs. The new SPL club section will be a big plus for all Scottish football fans"



Youth Team Statistics

Aberdeen F.C. Youth Team Records (Season 98/99)

Under 18 Youth League

| | | | | | | |
|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|---|------------|--------------------------------|
| Aug 29 | Celtic | H | 1-2 | Clark | | |
| Sept 5 | Dundee | A | 3-1 | Derek Young (2:1pen), Rutkiewicz | | |
| Sept 10 | Hearts | H | 2-3 | Derek Young, Tiernan | | |
| Sept 19 | Dunfermline | A | 1-2 | Hart | | |
| Sept 26 | Kilmarnock | H | 5-1 | Russell Duncan (2), Derek Young, Milne, 1o.g. | | |
| Oct 3 | Rangers | A | 2-1 | Tiernan, Milne | | |
| Oct 12 | Dundee Utd | H | 4-2 | Derek Young (pen), Clark, Milne, Mackie | | |
| Oct 24 | St Johnstone | H | 3-0 | Mackie (2), Derek Young (pen) Abandoned at Interval | | |
| Oct 31 | Celtic | A | 4-0 | Mackie (2), B. Bett, Derek Young | | |
| Jan 22 | St Johnstone | A | 6-1 | Derek Young (2), Mackie (2), Russell Duncan, Milne | | |
| Jan 30 | Hibs | A | 3-3 | Derek Young, Rutkiewicz, Russell Duncan | | |
| Feb 6 | Dunfermline | H | 3-2 | Mackie (2), Tiernan | | |
| Feb 13 | Dundee Utd | A | 3-3 | Mackie (2) | | |
| Feb 21 | Dundee | H | 1-0 | C. Bett | | |
| Mar 20 | Hibs | H | 3-1 | Russell Duncan (2), Derek Young | | |
| Mar 27 | Kilmarnock | A | 3-1 | Derek Young (2), Clark | | |
| Apr 10 | St Johnstone | H | 2-0 | Mackie, Derek Young | | |
| Apr 24 | Hearts | A | 3-1 | Milne, Derek Young, Tiernan | | |
| May 14 | Rangers | H | 1-0 | Russell Duncan | | |
| P18 | W13 | D2 | L3 | F49 | A23 | Pts 41 - Retained Title |

B.P. Youth Cup

| | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|
| Nov 4 | Arbroath | H 2 nd Round | 10-1 | Mackie (4), B. Bett (2), Derek Young (2), Tiernan, Clark | |
| Dec 3 | Celtic | H 3 rd Round | 2-2 | (a.e.t.lost 3-4 on pen) Clark, Mackie (penalties - Derek Young, Hart, Rutkiewicz) | |
| P2 | W1 | D0 | L1 | F15 | A7 |

Other Game

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| July 30 | Forfar Under 18's | H | 5-1 | Russell Duncan (3), B. Bett, McHattie | | | | | |
| P1 | W1 | D0 | L0 | F5 | A1 | | | | |
| COMPETITIVE | | | | P20 | W14 | D2 | L4 | F64 | A30 |
| OVERALL | | | | P21 | W15 | D2 | L4 | F69 | A31 |
| APPEARANCES - 27 players used in 21 games. | | | | | | | | | |
| Rutkiewicz 20 + 1s | | | | | Hart 6+ 1s | | | | |
| Tiernan 20 + 1s | | | | | O'Donoghue 1+ 5s | | | | |
| Mackie 20 + 1s | | | | | Michie 0 + 3s | | | | |
| Milne 20 + 1s | | | | | G. Duncan 2 | | | | |
| Marwick 18 + 2s | | | | | Peat 2 | | | | |
| Esson 18 | | | | | Kidd 0 + 2s | | | | |
| Clark 17 + 1s | | | | | Morrison 0 + 2s | | | | |
| Russell Duncan 16+1s | | | | | Stillie (overage) 1 | | | | |
| McNaughton 13 + 4s | | | | | Neil 1 | | | | |
| Derek Young 15 + 1s | | | | | Kavanagh 1 | | | | |
| Bett 13 + 3s | | | | | McHattie 0 + 1s | | | | |
| McGuire 14 | | | | | Kelly 0 + 1s | | | | |
| C. Bett 13 + 1s | | | | | Ferguson 0+ 1s | | | | |
| Robert Duncan 0 + 9s | | | | | | | | | |

GOAL SCORERS - 11 players shared 68 goals (5 penalties) + 1 own goal

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Derek Young 17 (3 pen) | Mackie 15 |
| Russell Duncan 10 | Clark 5 |
| Tiernan 5 | Milne 5 |
| B. Bett 4 | Rutkiewicz 3 (1 pen) |
| Hart 2 (1 pen) | C. Bett 1 |
| McHattie 1 | |

Under 21 Report

READY FOR THE OFF!

Despite the fact that Aberdeen's Under 21 squad, by its very nature, shows considerable change in personnel from one season to the next, there is a remarkable similarity in the young Dons' playing records for the last two seasons.

In their Premier Under-21 League campaigns, for example, the Pittodrie side finished in mid-table positions on both occasions by collecting 39 points from 27 games each time. Last season, they reduced the 1997-98 tally of 12 league defeats to 10 but this was offset by winning one game fewer (11 against 12) and doubling the number of draws from three to six.

The similarity between the two seasons - even down to the goals scored and conceded - was maintained in the Under-21's overall record of competitive games as indicated by this comparison:-

97-98 P33 W17 D3 L13 F63 A48

98-99 P33 W15 D7 L11 F64 A42

While defeat at the hands of Peterhead in the final of last season's Jarlaw Aberdeenshire Cup was a big disappointment after winning the Aberdeenshire Centenary Cup in the previous season, there were successes to celebrate in 98-99, notably away league victories over both Rangers and Celtic.

Emphasising the value of Under-21 matches as opportunities to blood Under-18 players at a higher level than Youth League, as well as the occasional fielding of members of the first team squad under the provisions for limited use of overage players, no fewer than 45 players appeared in the overall tally of 40 Under-21 games, including seven pre-season friendlies.

Of this number, Kevin Milne was the most frequent choice with 35 appearances, three of them as a substitute, followed by Dennis Wyness, Phil McGuire and Russell Duncan with 28 each.

In goal-scoring terms, 22 players shared 88 goals, eight of them penalty conversions, and there was one 'own goal'. Wyness topped the individual scoring honours list with 20 strikes, including one penalty, with Derek Young on the 13 goal mark, also including one penalty. Other leading contributors to the goal tally included: Darren Mackie 8; Alex Notman 7 (3 pen); Russell Duncan 6 (1 pen); Chris Clark 6 (1 pen); Darren Young 4; Kevin Milne 4; Ricky Gillies 3; Billy Dodds 3; Baldur Bett 2.

Dons Statistics (Season 98/99)

| Date | Opposition | Venue | Competition | F-A | Crowd | Starting Eleven | | | | |
|---------|------------------|-------|-------------------------|-----|--------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|----------|----------|
| Aug 1 | Dundee | Away | Scottish Premier League | 2-0 | 7811 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Anderson | Inglis |
| Aug 8 | Inverness Cal Th | Away | Scottish League Cup | 3-0 | 5164 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Anderson | Inglis |
| Aug 16 | Celtic | Home | Scottish Premier League | 3-2 | 16,640 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Anderson | Inglis |
| Aug 19 | Hibernian | Away | Scottish League Cup | 0-1 | 8029 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Anderson | Inglis |
| Aug 22 | Harts | Away | Scottish Premier League | 0-2 | 17,608 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Buchan | Inglis |
| Aug 29 | Dunfermline | Away | Scottish Premier League | 1-1 | 6436 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Anderson | Inglis |
| Sept 12 | Motherwell | Home | Scottish Premier League | 1-1 | 11,560 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Buchan | Inglis |
| Sept 19 | St Johnstone | Away | Scottish Premier League | 0-2 | 5814 | Leighton | Anderson | Whyte | Smith | Buchan |
| Sept 23 | Rangers | Home | Scottish Premier League | 1-1 | 17,862 | Leighton | Smith | Inglis | Whyte | Buchan |
| Sept 27 | Kilmarnock | Home | Scottish Premier League | 0-1 | 13,048 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Buchan | Inglis |
| Oct 4 | Dundee United | Away | Scottish Premier League | 0-1 | 8933 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Buchan | Anderson |
| Oct 17 | Dundee | Home | Scottish Premier League | 2-2 | 10,004 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Buchan | Dn Young |
| Oct 24 | Celtic | Away | Scottish Premier League | 0-2 | 60,081 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Anderson | Dn Young |
| Oct 31 | Motherwell | Away | Scottish Premier League | 2-2 | 8146 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Buchan | Rowson |
| Nov 7 | Dunfermline | Home | Scottish Premier League | 2-1 | 10,085 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Anderson | Rowson |
| Nov 14 | Rangers | Away | Scottish Premier League | 1-2 | 49,479 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Anderson | Rowson |
| Nov 21 | St Johnstone | Home | Scottish Premier League | 0-1 | 10,044 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Anderson | Rowson |
| Nov 28 | Dundee United | Home | Scottish Premier League | 0-3 | 11,964 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Kiriakov | Rowson |
| Dec 5 | Kilmarnock | Away | Scottish Premier League | 0-4 | 9875 | Leighton | Inglis | Whyte | Inglis | Rowson |
| Dec 12 | Harts | Home | Scottish Premier League | 2-0 | 11,137 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Inglis | Rowson |
| Dec 19 | Dundee | Away | Scottish Premier League | 2-1 | 6340 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Inglis | Rowson |
| Dec 26 | Dunfermline | Away | Scottish Premier League | 2-1 | 7873 | Stillie | Perry | Inglis | Whyte | Dow |
| Dec 2 | Motherwell | Home | Scottish Premier League | 1-1 | 15,034 | Stillie | Perry | Whyte | Inglis | Rowson |
| Jan 2 | St Johnstone | Away | Scottish Premier League | 1-4 | 8468 | Stillie | Perry | Whyte | Inglis | Rowson |
| Jan 23 | Livingston | | Scottish Cup (3rd Rnd) | 0-1 | 10,311 | Stillie | Perry | Whyte | Smith | Rowson |
| Jan 30 | Rangers | Home | Scottish Premier League | 2-4 | 19,537 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Smith | Inglis |
| Feb 6 | Kilmarnock | Home | Scottish Premier League | 2-1 | 9544 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Smith | Inglis |
| Feb 13 | | | Scottish Cup (4th Rnd) | | | | | | | |
| Feb 20 | Dundee United | Away | Scottish Premier League | 0-3 | 8647 | Leighton | Perry | Whyte | Smith | Inglis |
| Feb 27 | Harts | Away | Scottish Premier League | 2-0 | 13,957 | Stillie | Perry | Whyte | Smith | Dow |
| Mar 6 | | | Scottish Cup (5th Rnd) | | | | | | | |
| Mar 13 | Celtic | Home | Scottish Premier League | 1-5 | 17,635 | Stillie | Perry | Whyte | Smith | Dow |
| Mar 20 | Motherwell | Away | Scottish Premier League | 1-1 | 6963 | Stillie | Perry | Whyte | Smith | Dow |
| Apr 3 | Dunfermline | Home | Scottish Premier League | 3-1 | 11,727 | Stillie | Perry | Whyte | Smith | Dow |
| Apr 10 | Kilmarnock | Away | Scottish Premier League | 2-4 | 9048 | Stillie | Perry | Whyte | Smith | Dow |
| Apr 17 | Dundee United | Home | Scottish Premier League | 0-4 | 11603 | Warner | Perry | Whyte | Smith | Dow |
| Apr 25 | Rangers | Away | Scottish Premier League | 1-3 | 49423 | Warner | Perry | Whyte | Smith | Dow |
| May 1 | St Johnstone | Home | Scottish Premier League | 1-0 | 9083 | Warner | Anderson | Whyte | Smith | Dow |
| May 8 | Dundee | Home | Scottish Premier League | 1-2 | 9057 | Warner | Anderson | Whyte | Smith | Dow |
| May 15 | Celtic | Away | Scottish Premier League | 2-3 | 55,618 | Warner | Anderson | Perry | Smith | Dow |
| May 23 | Harts | Home | Scottish Premier League | 2-5 | 13,042 | Warner | Anderson | Smith | Whyte | Perry |
| May 29 | | | Scottish Cup Final | | | | | | | |

Premier Division Record v. Celtic

Aberdeen's home record v Celtic in Premier Division and Premier League games reads:

| | | | |
|----|----|----|----|
| P | W | D | L |
| 48 | 17 | 16 | 15 |

| | |
|----|----|
| F | A |
| 67 | 69 |

Widest margin Aberdeen wins:

4-1 October 7, 1978 (scorers: Archibald (2), Harper (pen), Jarvie)
 4-1 December 27, 1980 (McLeish, Miller, McCall, Strachan (pen))
 4-1 November 2, 1985 (McDougall (4))
 3-0 November 3, 1990 (Jes (2), Gillhaus)

Widest margin Celtic win:

5-1 March 14, 1999.

Final League Table - 1998/99

| | Pt | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Rangers | 36 | 23 | 8 | 5 | 78 | 31 | 77 |
| Celtic | 36 | 21 | 8 | 7 | 84 | 34 | 71 |
| St Johnstone | 36 | 15 | 12 | 9 | 39 | 38 | 57 |
| Kilmarnock | 36 | 14 | 14 | 8 | 47 | 29 | 56 |
| Dundee | 36 | 13 | 7 | 16 | 36 | 56 | 46 |
| Hearts | 36 | 11 | 9 | 16 | 44 | 50 | 42 |
| Motherwell | 36 | 10 | 11 | 15 | 35 | 54 | 41 |
| Aberdeen | 36 | 10 | 7 | 19 | 43 | 71 | 37 |
| Dundee United | 36 | 8 | 10 | 18 | 37 | 48 | 34 |
| Dunfermline | 36 | 4 | 16 | 16 | 28 | 59 | 28 |

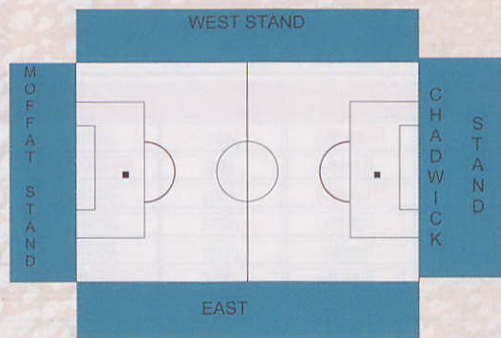
| | | | | | | Substitutes | | | | |
|----------|----------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|----------|
| Smith | Hignett | Jess | Dodds | Newell | Kiriakov | Rowson | Gillies (10) | Buchan | Young | Stillie |
| Smith | Hignett | Jess | Dodds 3 | Dk Young | Kiriakov | Dow (11) | Gillies (15) | Rowson (21) | | |
| Smith | Hignett | Jess | Dodds | Rowson | Kiriakov | Dow | Buchan (8) | Gillies | Dn Young | Stillie |
| Smith | Hignett | Jess | Dodds | Rowson | Kiriakov | Gillies (11) | Dow | Stillie | | |
| Smith | Hignett | Jess | Dodds | Dow | Gillies | Dk Young (2) | Kiriakov (18) | Stillie | McCaffrey | Dn Young |
| Rowson | Hignett | Jess | Dodds | Dow | Hart | Buchan (22) | Kiriakov (12) | Gillies | Newell | Esson |
| Smith | Rowson | Jess | Dodds | Newell | Dow | Gillies (9) | Wyness (16) | Kiriakov (12) | Anderson | Stillie |
| Rowson | Jess | Hignett | Kiriakov | Dodds | Newell | Wyness (17) | Inglis (11) | Gillies (9) | Dn Young | Stillie |
| Rowson | Perry | Hignett | Dow | Jess | Winters | Kiriakov (6) | Gillies (12) | Newell (26) | Dn Young | Esson |
| Rowson | Hignett | Jess | Winters | Gillies | Dow | Kiriakov | Wyness | Anderson (5) | Newell (12) | Stillie |
| Smith | Hignett | Jess | Winters | Newell | Gillies | Kiriakov | Wyness | Dn Young | Rowson (9) | Stillie |
| Smith | Hignett | Jess 2 | Winters | Gillies | Kiriakov | Rowson (11) | Newell (18) | Wyness (26) | B Bett | Stillie |
| Smith | Hignett | Jess | Winters | Buchan | Rowson | Kiriakov (16) | Hart (19) | Gillies (26) | Inglis | Esson |
| Smith | Hignett | Jess | Winters | Newell | Kiriakov | Gillies (15) | Dow (26) | Dn Young | Wyness | Stillie |
| Smith | Hignett | Jess 2 | Winters | Newell | Kiriakov | Gillies | Dn Young | Mackie | Wyness | Stillie |
| Smith | Hignett | Jess | Winters | Newell | Kiriakov | Hart (11) | Dow | Inglis | Wyness | Stillie |
| Smith | Bett | Jess | Winters | Newell | Kiriakov | Hart (11) | Gillies (26) | Dow (27) | Inglis | Esson |
| Smith | Pepper | Jess | Winters | Newell | Dow | Hart(11) | Gillies | Inglis | Buchan | Stillie |
| Smith | Pepper | Jess | Winters | Wyness | Dow | Newell(4) | Anderson(20) | Hart | Good(16) | Stillie |
| Smith | Pepper | Jess | Winters | Kiriakov | Buchan | Newell (8) | Good | Hart | Dow | Stillie |
| Dow | Pepper | Jess | Winters 2 | Kiriakov | Buchan | Newell | Good | Hart | Gillies | Stillie |
| Pepper | Kiriakov | Rowson | Buchan | Jess | Winters | Newell (4) | Gillies | Hart | Good | Esson |
| Dow | Pepper | Jess | Winters | Kiriakov | Buchan | Newell(4) | Hart(16) | Smith | Gillies | Esson |
| Dow | Pepper | Jess | Winters | Kiriakov | Buchan | Newell(16) | Hart(4) | Smith | Gillies | Esson |
| Dow | Hart | Jess | Winters | Kiriakov | Newell | Inglis (22) | Buchan | Esson | | |
| Dn Young | Mayer | Jess | Winters | Kiriakov | Newell | Dow (11) | Wyness | Hart | Gillies | Stillie |
| Dn Young | Mayer | Jess | Winters | Kiriakov | Newell | Dow | Wyness | Buchan | Hart | Stillie |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dn Young | Mayer | Jess | Wyness | Kiriakov | Newell | Buchan (5) | Notman (9) | Pepper | Hart | Stillie |
| Dn Young | Mayer | Jess | Wyness | Bernard | Newell | Hart (9) | Notman | Buchan | Pepper | Leighton |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buchan | Wyness | Jess | Hart | Winters | Newell | Pepper (9) | Gillies | Notman (22) | Good | Leighton |
| Dn Young | Mayer | Jess | Wyness | Winters | Bernard | Newell (26) | Notman | Anderson (8) | Hart (19) | Leighton |
| Dn Young | Mayer | Jess | Hamilton | Winters 3 | Bernard | Hart | Rowson (10) | Buchan | Wyness | Leighton |
| Dn Young | Mayer | Jess | Hamilton | Winters | Bernard | Wyness (10) | Hart | Buchan | Pepper | Leighton |
| Dn Young | Mayer | Jess | Hamilton | Winters | Bernard | Wyness (10) | Pepper (12) | Buchan | Hart | Leighton |
| Dn Young | Mayer | Jess | Hamilton | Winters | Bernard | Wyness | Buchan | Notman | Hart | Leighton |
| Buchan | Mayer | Jess | Wyness | Winters | Bernard | Hamilton (14) | Pepper (20) | Notman | Hart | Leighton |
| Buchan | Mayer | Jess | Hamilton | Winters | Wyness | Hart (7) | Young (20) | Bernard (16) | Perry | Leighton |
| Hart | Mayer | Jess | Hamilton | Winters | Bernard | Milne | Young (7) | Wyness (22) | Buchan | Leighton |
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SCORERS WERE HARRY YORSTON
AND TOMMY BOGAN

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DONS GOAL.

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IN A GLAMOUR FRIENDLY. 21,000
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DENIS LAW, WHO WAS MAKING
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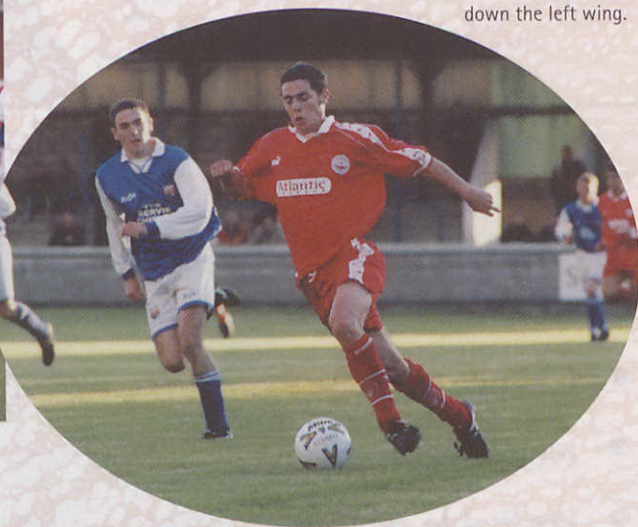
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Action Shots

from the game against Montrose



Midfielder Ilian Kiriakov surges forward at Links Park in the 4-0 friendly win.



New boy Jamie McAllister powers down the left wing.



Nigel Pepper in a tussle with a Montrose player as Andy Dow looks on.



Derek Young battles for possession.

Photos by Andy Convey

Previous Clashes **ABERDEEN v CELTIC**

TRADITIONALLY, ABERDEEN V CELTIC FIXTURES ARE KEENLY CONTESTED AND ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS IN THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL CALENDAR. IRONICALLY, ON EACH OCCASION THAT THE DONS HAVE WON THE LEAGUE, CELTIC HAVE BEEN RUNNERS UP EACH TIME, INVARIABLY, MANY OF THE DONS VITAL LEAGUE MATCHES HAVE COME AGAINST THE PARKHEAD SIDE. WHEN THE DONS WON THEIR FIRST TITLE IN 1955, A FRUSTRATED CELTIC HAD TO WELCOME ABERDEEN AS THE NEW LEAGUE CHAMPIONS IN THE APRIL MEETING OF 1955. DESPITE CELTIC WINNING 2-1, ABERDEEN WENT ON TO CELEBRATE WINNING THE FLAG FOR THE FIRST TIME.

SIXTEEN YEARS LATER, BOTH CLUBS HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN A TITANIC STRUGGLE ALL SEASON WHICH RESULTED IN A DECIDER AT PITTODRIE IN APRIL 1971. THE DONS WERE DEFENDING A PROUD UNDEFEATED HOME RECORD WHILE VISITORS CELTIC COULD DO LITTLE WRONG ON THEIR TRAVELS. AN EARLY HARRY HOOD GOAL SETTLED CELTIC NERVES, BUT THE DONS CAME STORMING BACK TO LEVEL THROUGH ALEX WILLOUGHBY. IN A TENSE SECOND HALF, ONLY A DEPERATE GOAL LINE CLEARANCE FROM BILLY MCNEILL FROM DONS YOUNGSTER ARTHUR GRAHAM PREVENTED ABERDEN FROM GOING ON TO

WIN THE TITLE. TWO YEARS LATER, ABERDEEN FANS WELCOMED A NEW HERO IN THE SHAPE OF HUNGARIAN INTERNATIONAL ZOLTAN VARGA. THE MAGICAL MAGYAR SCORED TWO SUPERB GOALS IN A GAME AGAINST CELTIC, THE SECOND AN EXQUISITE LOB THAT HAD THE DONS FANS IN RAPTURES. HOWEVER, A RESOLUTE CELTIC CAME BACK TO WIN A CLASSIC 3-2.

IN SEASON 1979/80, ABERDEEN WERE TO TAKE THE TITLE IN DRAMATIC FASHION, AFTER COMING BACK FROM BEING 13 POINTS BEHIND FAVOURITES CELTIC. WITH THE PROSPECT OF TWO MEETINGS WITH CELTIC IN GLASGOW TO FACE, THE SEASON WAS APPROACHING A FRENZIED FINALE. AFTER THE DONS HAD WON THE FIRST MEETING 2-1, THE DECIDING GAME WAS SET FOR TWO WEEKS LATER. AS A FEVERENT HOME CROWD URGED ON THEIR HEROES, IT WAS A DETERMINED DONS WHO SCENTED TITLE SUCCESS. A 3-1 WIN FOR ABERDEEN STUNNED CELTIC, AND THE DONS FATE WAS NOW FIRMLY IN THEIR OWN HANDS.

ABERDEENS' LAST PREMIER LEAGUE TITLE CAME IN 1985, AND

IT WAS A 1-1 DRAW AT PITTODRIE THAT CLINCHED THE TITLE FOR THE ALL CONQUERING DONS. A RARE HEADED GOAL FROM CAPTAIN WILLI E MILLER WAS THE HIGHLIGHT, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, ABERDEEN HAD WON THE LEAGUE IN FRONT OF THEIR OWN FANS.

IN RECENT CLASHES, CELTIC CERTAINLY HAVE HAD THE UPPER HAND. INDEED, THE DONS ONCE IMPRESSIVE RECORD AT PARKHEAD HAS DIMINISHED AT AN ALARMING RATE. ABERDEEN HAVE NOT WON AT THE GLASGOW GROUND SINCE 1993, WHILE THE DONS 3-2 WIN AT PITTODRIE LAST AUGUST WAS THEIR FIRST WIN OVER THE CELTS FOR SEVEN GAMES.



VISITORS QUIZ ??????

1. WHICH FORMER CELTIC STAR MADE HIS FIRST TEAM DEBUT AGAINST ABERDEEN AT PITTODRIE IN 1982, COMING ON AS A SUBSTITUTE AND SCORING IN A 3-1 CELTIC WIN?
2. CAN YOU NAME THE LAST TWO EX CELTIC PLAYERS THAT WERE CAPPED FOR SCOTLAND BEFORE MAKING THE SWITCH TO PITTODRIE?
3. WHICH DONS CAPTAIN WAS TRANSFERRED TO CELTIC IN 1973 AFTER A CONTRACT DISPUTE AT PITTODRIE?

Answers on Page 39

Dons Diary

ON TOUR WITH THE DONS BY ANDREW SHINIE, NORTHSOUND TWO

Friday 16th July

An early start as I fly from Aberdeen to Amsterdam where I pick up a hire car for the four hour drive to the Dons training headquarters in Hanover. The team flew out yesterday and by the time I'm in Germany they've already put in three sessions on the training ground.

After initial problems with an unsuitable pitch, Ebbe Skovdahl is delighted with facilities only a short walk from the Dons' Hotel. With temperatures in the nineties it's no holiday camp!

Saturday 17th July

First game of the tour is against a regional select from Peine with the game being played in the village of Edemissen. The locals turn out in force to give the Dons a rousing welcome, complete with Piper! The select side made up of local amateur players from seven or eight different clubs isn't of a very high standard and Aberdeen run out easy 7-0 winners with Ricky Gillies grabbing a hat-trick while Darren Mackie with two, Ilian Kiriakov and Nigel Pepper are also on the mark.

The five strong media party travelling with the Dons almost miss the kick off after the lead driver heads south instead of west despite having been at the ground earlier in the day. However, some fine navigational skills ensure we get there in time after a very pleasant drive through many of the surrounding villages. The other four may disagree but I'm sticking to my version of events!

Sunday 18th July

Donald Olivier Sie who's on trial from Toulouse is the focus of attention as he tries to win a move to Pittodrie. He looks pacy but it was difficult to gain an impression of his true abilities against Peine.

Ebbe Skovdahl has shown himself to be a clever psychologist - having told the players they could let their hair down on Saturday night, he tells them there will be a single training session today at 10 am, and he certainly puts them through the mill.

Four eight hundred metre runs in around 15 minutes in 90 degrees of heat certainly blows the cobwebs away! The media are exhausted just watching! There's a free barbecue back at the hotel where they're celebrating their fifth birthday

- rumours abound that 'Fred' Perry has been seen storing up doggy bags to take home with him!

Monday 19th July

Very hot again for another double dose of training. Mornings are for building up fitness with the afternoons dedicated to tactical work. A slight hiccup as the squad arrive at the training ground to find it locked. Hopes of a free afternoon are shortened as everyone climbs the gate - no injuries but Ebbe reckons he's getting too old for a 'lift over'.

Tuesday 20th July

The players are unanimous in their feeling that having the ball constantly on the training ground is making the hard work feel much easier.

Wednesday 21st July

This evening's game against a Celle select attracts a crowd of around two thousand to the very scenic, tree lined ground at Wietze. But the 3-0 win courtesy of Robbie Winters' double and Eoin Jess' spectacular volley is overshadowed by the unfortunate leg break suffered by Andreas Berg following Nigel Pepper's tackle. Nigel is very upset by the incident but no one is pointing the finger of blame at him.

On a more amusing note, I'm chatting with Michael Hart before the game when a crowd of kids approach for autographs. Michael does his bit, then I'm told 'you as well trainer'. Needless to say there's great hilarity from young Mr. Hart who is threatened with all sorts if the rest of the squad is told!

Thursday 22nd

Another double session between which the squad say goodbye to Donald Olivier Sie who returns to France after failing to convince Ebbe Skovdahl he's better than players already with the club. The players send a signed shirt along with good luck messages to Andreas Berg while they also sign the town of Latzen's 'Golden Book' as honoured visitors to the Hanover suburb.

Friday 23rd

A nasty looking ankle injury picked up by Ilian Kiriakov casts a shadow over today's training

session. The Bulgarian star who's been in fine form throughout the tour is clearly upset as his ankle swells alarmingly but quick work by physio Davie Wyllie and an ice pack reduce the problem but Ilian's destined to sit out the game against St Pauli.

Saturday 24th

The trip everyone's been looking forward to ... a visit to Hamburg for the final tour match. Andreas Mayer is disappointed to be ruled out of the match but is looking forward to meeting up with old friends at the club where he spent three happy years. For the travelling band of fans it's a chance to sample the delights (!) of the nearby Reeperbahn which is literally a goal kick away from the Millerntorstadion. Only four thousand fans turn up due to Germany's Confederation Cup clash with Brazil being televised live but they create a great atmosphere in the compact little stadium.

Unfortunately the football doesn't match as the Dons struggle in the heat going down to a second half header from Marcus Marin to end the tour on a losing note. Being in Hamburg the media posse feel obliged to take in the sights and Charlie Allan and I go for a walk to see the Star Club where the Beatles played back in the sixties.

Later we think we've been mistaken for celebrities as some very nice looking young ladies rush to us as we're walking along ... couldn't quite understand what they were saying but I think they wanted us to pay to be seen with them! Later, Graeme Bryce from the News of the World is determined to eat a hamburger in the city which gave that delicacy its name so we stop at a pavement cafe where Graeme asks for a "Bitburger" thinking that to be German for some sort of burger. Turns out it's a beer! Great hilarity all round.

Sunday 25th

Time to go home. For me it's a drive back to Amsterdam where I meet up with the squad who have flown across from Hanover. It's been a long trip for everyone involved but the management team and players will know each other very well now - the fruits of their labours will be on show for you all this evening, Here's to a great new season!

A Brief History of

Celtic



Jonathan Gould

THE WIND OF CHANGE THAT HAS SWEEPED THROUGH CELTIC PARK THIS SUMMER MAY HAVE HERALDED A BRAVE NEW ERA FOR CELTIC, BUT IT IS A FAR CRY FROM THE CLUB'S HUMBLE BEGINNINGS. FOUNDED BY IRISH IMMIGRANTS IN GLASGOW'S EAST END IN 1888, CELTIC WASTED NO TIME IN ESTABLISHING THEMSELVES AMONG SCOTTISH FOOTBALL'S ELITE. IN THEIR FIRST EVER OUTING THEY BEAT ARCH RIVALS RANGERS 5-2 ON 28TH MAY 1888. FOUR YEARS LATER, CELTIC MOVED TO THEIR CURRENT HOME, CELTIC PARK, AND IT WAS

FROM THIS SOLID FOUNDATION THAT THEY BUILT A TRADITION THAT IS THE ENVY OF MANY.

WITHOUT DOUBT, CELTIC'S GOLDEN ERA WAS BETWEEN 1965-1975 WHEN, UNDER THE ASTUTE GUIDANCE OF JOCK STEIN THEY EMBARKED ON A MEMORABLE CRUSADE OF SUCCESS, WINNING NINE CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE TITLES. IN 1967, CELTIC BECAME THE FIRST BRITISH CLUB TO WIN THE EUROPEAN CUP, DEFEATING INTER MILAN 2-1 IN LISBON, IN A PERFORMANCE FULL OF ALL POSITIVE SCOTTISH QUALITIES. INDEED, THE EXPECTED HYPE THAT FOLLOWED MANCHESTER UNITED AFTER THEIR REMARKABLE FEAT LAST SEASON FORCED MANY OBSERVERS TO RECALL THE CELTIC ACHIEVEMENT OF 1966/67 WHEN THE BOYS WON EVERY COMPETITION THEY ENTERED; EUROPEAN CUP, SCOTTISH LEAGUE AND THE TWO DOMESTIC CUPS. THE ENGLISH ARGUMENT ABOUT LACK OF QUALITY OPPOSITION NORTH OF THE BORDER WAS BLOWN AWAY WHEN THE CELTS WERE VICTORIOUS IN EUROPE.

THE MUCH LAUDED LISBON LIONS WERE TIPPED TO GAIN MORE SUCCESS, AND ALTHOUGH THAT WAS ACHIEVED IN THE DOMESTIC GAME, FURTHER GLORY IN EUROPE CAME TANTALISINGLY CLOSE. DYNAMO KIEV KNOCKED THE PARKHEAD SIDE OUT OF EUROPE IN THEIR FIRST DEFENCE OF THE TROPHY, WHILE IN THE WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, CELTIC WERE INVOLVED IN A BATTLE WITH RACING CLUB OF ARGENTINA IN A TWO LEGGED AFFAIR THAT WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR WHAT HAPPENED OFF THE



Henrik Larsson

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Celtic

BALL MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

HOWEVER, A RETURN TO THE 1970 EUROPEAN CUP FINAL PROMISED MUCH, BUT A DETERMINED FEYENOORD SIDE WON IN A TENSE MILAN FINAL. TWO YEARS LATER, INTER EXTRACTED A MEASURE OF REVENGE BY DUMPING THE CELTS OUT OF EUROPE AT THE SEMI FINAL STAGE.

THE EMERGENCE OF A SOUNESS INSPIRED



Paul Lambert

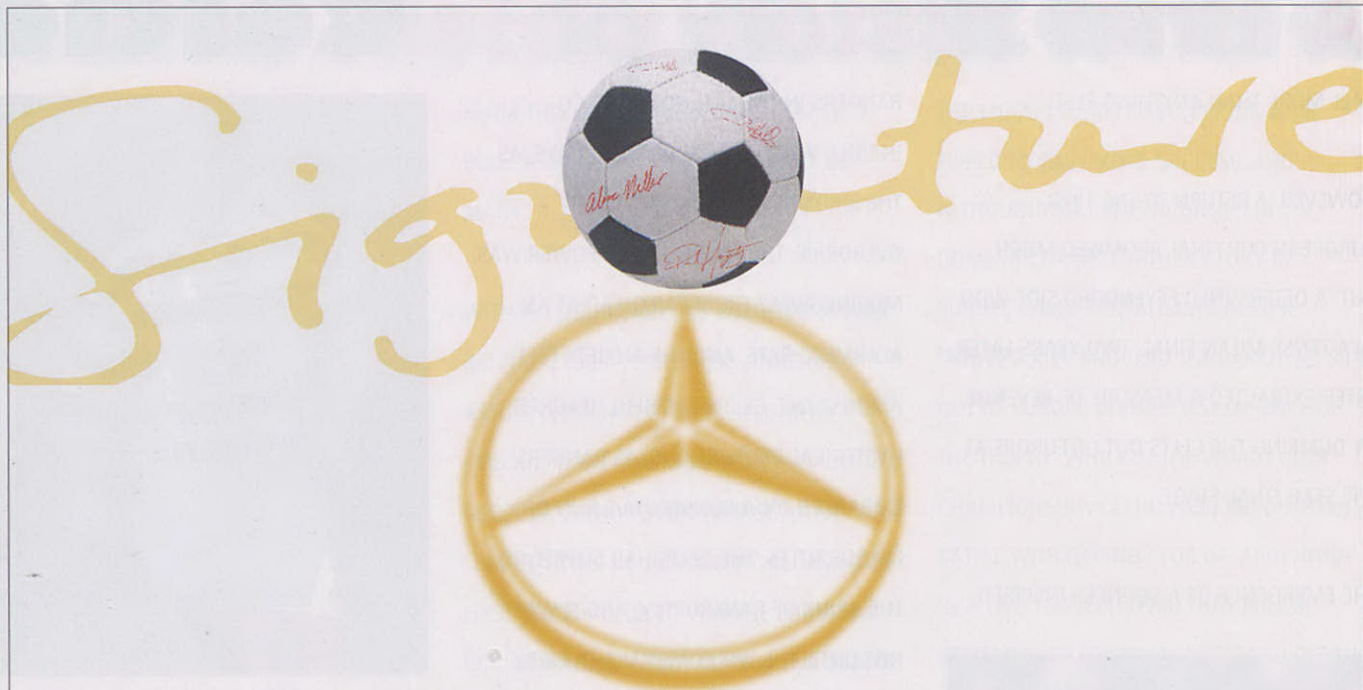
RANGERS IN THE LATE 80S' ALSO CO-INCIDED WITH CELTIC'S DARKEST DAYS. AS THE IBROX REVOLUTION WENT INTO OVERDRIVE, THE PENDULUM OF POWER WAS MOVING AWAY FROM PARKHEAD AT AN ALARMING RATE, AND THE ANXIETY FELT AMONST THE CELTIC FAITHFUL REACHED HYSTERICAL PROPORTIONS. AS RANGERS EMBARKED ON A CONSECUTIVE RUN OF LEAGUE TITLES, THE CELTS HAD SLIPPED TO THE BRINK OF BANKRUPTCY, AND IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE WELCOME TAKE-OVER BY FERGUS Mc CANN IN 1994 THAT THE CLUB BEGAN TO MAKE POSITIVE MOVES TO END THEIR ARCH RIVALS DOMINATION. WITH NEW BOSS TOMMY BURN AT THE HELM, THE RESURGENCE CAME JUST TOO LATE TO PREVENT RANGERS FROM CLAIMING THEIR OWN PIECE OF HISTORY, WINNING NINE LEAGUE TITLES IN A ROW. OF COURSE, THE SURPRSE APPOINTMENT OF THE UNKNOWN WIM JANSEN INITIALLY DID LITTLE TO INSPIRE THE PARKHEAD FAITHFUL HOWEVER THE EX-FEYENOORD MAN TOOK THE CELTS TO A MEMORABLE LEAGUE TRIUMPH IN



Tom Boyd

1998, FINALLY HALTING RANGERS DREAM OF 10-IN- A- ROW.

WHILE OFF THE FIELD EVENTS STILL SEEM TO BLIGHT THE CLUB, THE DEMISE OF JOCK BROWN PAVED THE WAY FOR THE NEW REGIME THAT IS NOW IN CHARGE . WITH THE RETURN OF KENNY DALGLISH AND THE EXCITING APPOINTMENT OF JOHN BARNES AS HEAD COACH, CELTIC CAN LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE WITH RENEWED OPTIMISM.



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Today's Visitors

Celtic

For the first time ever two non Scots will lead their teams into one of Scotland's biggest fixtures this evening.

John Barnes and Ebbe Skovdahl face a baptism of fire in the Bank of Scotland Premier League in what is always a match to savour for fans and players alike.

The Barnes/Dalglish partnership has spent a lot of money over the summer as they look to wrest the title back from the other side of Glasgow while Skovdahl doesn't enjoy that luxury.

Instead the Dane has to put new faces on old players as the Dons try to eradicate the memory of last season.

For the Celtic fans there are new faces to savour this season, Eyal Berkovic, Bobby Petta and Olivier Tebily supplementing the ever growing Parkhead foreign legion.

Indeed, it's almost getting to be a game of "spot the Scot" down Celtic way. Paul Lambert and Tom Boyd are likely to be the only men to fly the home flag this season amongst a collection of nationalities which includes Norwegians, Frenchmen, Dutchmen, Swedes, Croatians and Czechs not to mention internationalists from Israel and Russia.

It's certainly a colourful mix and it'll be very interesting to see how quickly they all gel together.

At least this year the squad has been together throughout the pre season build up so they have a chance of starting the campaign on the right foot.

The delays in making coaching appointments and new signings surely was the main reason why Celtic failed to pick up any silverware last term so this year there'll be an even greater determination to become Scotland's first league champions of the new millennium.

It's always a game full of talking points when these two teams meet. Remember last season's corresponding match? That had enough controversy, goals, misses, thrills and spills to last ten seasons!

Unfortunately, that turned out to be the case at Pittodrie - the win over Celtic is really the only high point Dons fans care to remember!

But, let's not dwell on the past. Let's look to the future and hope the two sides strutting their stuff before us this evening produce entertainment of the highest order throughout this final season of the millennium.

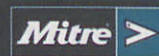
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Collector's Corner

Football Programmes Down The Years

A series of articles by the Editor of PROGRAMME MONTHLY & FOOTBALL COLLECTABLE magazine describing how programmes have changed over a century and a quarter of Association Football

1. Setting the Scene

Today's newspapers and magazines may use modern colour print and photographic techniques, but they would still be recognisable to a Victorian transported by time-travel to 1999. Similarly with other periodicals, and certainly with books. It is most unlikely, however, that our time-warped visitor would recognise the printed word as sold to him at a football match.

The matchday programme has undergone dramatic change since it first emerged as a means of identifying players in the 1870's. Today, it is a glossy, colourful and sophisticated communications and marketing vehicle, sold in prodigious quantities and for sums far removed from the penny or

halfpenny of Victorian days.

In the course of 25 articles, the development of matchday programmes will be chronicled, and put into the perspective of contemporary life and the game they represent. Avid readers of modern programmes may bemoan the prevalence of advertisements, but these vital fund-raisers become fascinating historical markers as we roll back the years. The local butcher, baker and candle-stick maker were present in just about every club programme, as was the local brewery, theatre (and then cinema), newspapers and menswear shops.

Local industries were prominent amongst the advertisements – razor blades in the Sheffield clubs programmes, vehicle and cycle accessory manufacturers in the Birmingham clubs issues, ship-builders advertising for workers on Clydeside. We can watch local economies evolve over the life of a club's matchday programme by reading the adverts.

Trends within the game are, of course,

apparent in editorials and features, while great teams, marvellous players, and some unhappy times in the game may be recalled from the playing and managerial personnel listed in the programmes.

If the content of programmes down the years is varied, then so are the formats and styles used by clubs and associations. From the simple teamsheet of Victorian days, listing players and their distinguishing features, to the colourful, glossy booklets of the 1990's – the history of football programmes is as varied and interesting as the game itself, as we will discover over the next 24 programmes.

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Youngstars Page



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Heart's Mascot

The Mascot at the Hearts game was Lauren Bicocchi from Westhill. Hearts also had a mascot a the game in the shape of Ross Aitchison from Westhill. We hope you both enjoyed your day!



July Birthdays

The following Dons Youngstars celebrated birthdays during the month of July. Happy birthday to one and all!

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| Neil Cursiter | Valerie Cromar | Hannah McCook |
| Neil MacRae | Matthew Smith | Matthew Rose |
| Stuart Kidd | Christopher Edwards | Gregor Milne |
| Matthew Campbell | Victoria Cooper | Alexander Hutchison |
| Steven Riley | Martin Angus | Adam Ingram |
| Stuart Skene | Craig Bullamore | Lewis Greening |
| Steven Thomson | Ross Durno | |
| Graeme Miller | John Flanagan | |
| Paul Henderson | Calum Mitchell | |
| Natalie Milne | Grant Moorhouse | |
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Today's Mascot

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Dons in the Community

Aberdeen Football Club's Summer Soccer School

Aberdeen Football Club's Summer Soccer School took place at the Aulton soccer sevens complex, Seaton, Aberdeen between Monday 5th and Friday 9th July.

The school, which enjoys the sponsorship of Aberdeen Asset Management, attracted some two hundred and fifty youngsters, male and female, between the ages of eight and fifteen, with some participants coming from as far afield as Shetland, Glasgow, Edinburgh and, believe it or not, Abu Dhabi!

Chic McLelland, the club's community coach, aided and abetted by a team of SFA qualified coaches provided a fun filled and instructive programme for the boys and girls.

During the week, drop in visits by first team players, including Andreas Mayer pictured, and management, added an extra dimension to the youngsters enjoyment.

Next year's school, scheduled for early July, will again enjoy the backing of Aberdeen Asset Management, which will enable the club to provide a few aided places to disadvantaged potential participants.



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& Sally Logan plus the Garioch Blend Dance Band.**

November 30th - 8.00 pm - 12.30 am Tickets £6 each.

All events feature: Mini Bingo, Grand Raffle and Licenced Bar

Tickets for the above events are available from Pittodrie two weeks before the concert.

**For further details contact: George Cadenhead on
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Supporters Club News

Association of Aberdeen Football Supporters Clubs

Firstly, a warm welcome to our new managerial team, Ebbe Skovdahl and Tommy Moller-Nielsen, from the 5,000 plus members of the Official Supporters' Association.

If your chosen criteria for Aberdeen's new Head Coach and Assistant were: Top class European experience, modern methods and a break from the tired Largs conveyor belt, then surely you must be delighted with Stewart Milne's appointments, for which, he is deserving of much credit.

At the time of writing, the three or four new players that the Dons so plainly need had not arrived. Whilst a little melancholy amongst the support is understandable, given the troubled times on the field in recent seasons, it has never been more critical that the next intake of Aberdeen players are the right ones.

To this end, Messrs Skovdahl and Moller-Nielsen are perfectly entitled to bide their time (but don't take too long gents!). We would all be delighted to see Aberdeen right back up there at the top of the tree, putting in a real challenge for the championship. If we don't believe that this is possible in the next few years, we might as well 'pick up the jerseys and a ball' and quit right now.

But Aberdeen supporters are not quitters, we're a steadfast bunch and given the distances we travel to both home and away

games, we can rightly claim to be the best supporters in Scotland.

We need a good balance. Ally McLeod style ebullience goes a long way to lifting the spirits of even the most downbeat supporter, but whilst controlled aggression and a burning desire to do well are essential, they must be offset against a hard headed realism that the gulf between the Glasgow superpowers and the rest is gigantic.

The disparity between "them and us" and not one that cannot be bridged, however, one could argue, that had Hearts had the finances to bring in two experienced players two winters ago, there was every likelihood they would have won the league that season.

To borrow a somewhat infamous phrase from the former Chairman of today's visitors, "A reality check" may be appropriate for some Dons fans. For Aberdeen FC and their followers, a five year plan along the following lines is realistic. Year one - steady the ship, top five finish, good cup run, possible European qualification, Year two - certain European qualification, a Cup Final, Year three - Europe again, (now the norm), Cup success, in the league race until at least spring, Years 4 and 5 - serious tilt at the league crown, cup success, still in Europe beyond Christmas.

Most important, all the way through, our own youth players developing into genuine first team squad members. It might look like a tall order, but is reachable with every Dons minded person pulling in the same direction and concentrating on getting back to basics.

Best wishes also go to that beleaguered group of souls - the playing pool. The much maligned species have a lot to prove to their new bosses and supporters alike. I think you'll see a character change akin to night and day from some of the players, and at last we'll see the undoubted talents of the players, who, for one reason or another, have previously underachieved at Pittodrie.

I'd like to wish all my fellow Aberdeen fans, a most enjoyable season ahead and do hope, that this time next year, we can all, hand on heart, say that we've progressed to another level, ready for the next one.

The next few years will undoubtedly be as tough as any in the Club's long proud history, but they can also be amongst the most exciting if all Dons supporters channel their efforts on what they do best: getting behind the team.

BILLY THOMSON
Association AFSC

Supporters Club News

TROPHY TIME!

Eoin Jess and Darren Young were at the recent AGM of the Inverurie Branch of the Official Dons Supporters Association, to collect their rewards as senior and young players of the year respectively.

Darren is pictured receiving his Charles Chree Memorial Trophy from Pauline Jaffray whilst Pauline Ord is presenting Eoin with the John Nicol Trophy. Both ladies are committee members of the Inverurie Club.



STRATHSPEY BRANCH

In Granttown there is to be a New Sports Hall built near the local Grammar School. As part of the Fund Raising, the Fund Raising Committee is selling tiles. The Strathspey Branch have bought a tile in memory of Founder members, Dougie MacDonald, Charlie Ferguson and Jock Paterson.

Anyone wishing further information should contact Strathspey Secretary, Kim Lovatt on 01479 872837

1ST AUGUST 1974; THE DONS FIRST TEAM PLAYED AT FRASERBURGH IN A TESTIMONIAL FIR BROCH STALWART JIM NOBLE. GOALS FROM BILLY PIRIE AND JOE SMITH GAVE THE VISITORS A COMFORTABLE VICTORY.

1ST AUGUST 1987; A YOUNG ABERDEEN SIDE HELPED THE SHETLAND ISLES CELEBRATE THEIR CENTENARY BY PLAYING AN ISLANDS SELECT AT GILBERTSON PARK IN LERWICK. THE YOUNG DONS WON 4-1.

1ST AUGUST 1992; THE DONS OPEN THEIR PREMIER LEAGUE CAMPAIGN WITH A CONVINCING 3-0 WIN OVER HIBERNIAN. HOME DEBUTANT DUNCAN SHEARER GAVE THE DONS FANS A TASTE OF THINGS TO COME WITH A BRACE, WHILE SCOTT BOOTH ALSO SCORED. PITTODRIE LOOKED UNFAMILIAR WITH THE BEACH END NOW DEMOLISHED AS WORK ON THE RICHARD DONALD STAND WAS UNDERWAY.

1ST AUGUST 1981; ABERDEEN FC TOURNAMENT GETS UNDERWAY WITH THE DONS DEFEATING WEST HAM 3-0. OTHER SIDES COMPETING WERE SOUTHAMPTON AND MANCHESTER UTD. PETER WEIR MADE HIS PITTODRIE DEBUT AFTER HIS SCOTTISH TRANSFER RECORD MOVE TO THE DONS FROM ST MIRREN.

1ST AUGUST 1984; ABERDEEN EMBARKED ON A PRE SEASON TOUR OF GERMANY, WINNING 2-0 AGAINST VICTORIA GOGH WITH GOALS FROM BILLY STARK AND ALEX MC LEISH.

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| 6 | GARY SMITH |
| 7 | JIM HAMILTON |
| 8 | EOIN JESS |
| 9 | ROBBIE WINTERS |
| 10 | ANDREAS MAYER |
| 11 | ILIAN KIRIAKOV |
| 12 | ANDY DOW |
| 14 | PAUL BERNARD |
| 15 | RUSSELL ANDERSON |
| 16 | JAMIE BUCHAN |
| 17 | DAVID ROWSON |
| 18 | RICKY GILLIES |
| 19 | DARREN YOUNG |
| 20 | DENNIS WYNESS |
| 21 | DEREK YOUNG |
| 22 | MICHAEL HART |
| 23 | RYAN ESSON |
| 24 | RUSSELL DUNCAN |
| 25 | STUART McCAFFREY |
| 27 | BALDUR BETT |
| 28 | IAIN GOOD |
| 29 | DARREN MACKIE |
| 30 | JAMIE McALLISTER |
| 31 | FERGUS TIERNAN |

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| 2 | TOM BOYD |
| 3 | STEPHANE MAHE |
| 4 | JACKIE MCNAMARA |
| 5 | MARC RIEPER |
| 6 | ALAN STUBBS |
| 7 | HENRIK LARSSON |
| 8 | CRAIG BURLEY |
| 9 | HARALD BRATTBAKK |
| 10 | EYAL BERKOVIC |
| 11 | MORTEN WIEGHORST |
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Answers to Visitor's Quiz on Page 25:

1. PAUL MC STAY
2. DEREK WHYTE, BRIAN O'NEIL
3. STEVE MURRAY

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