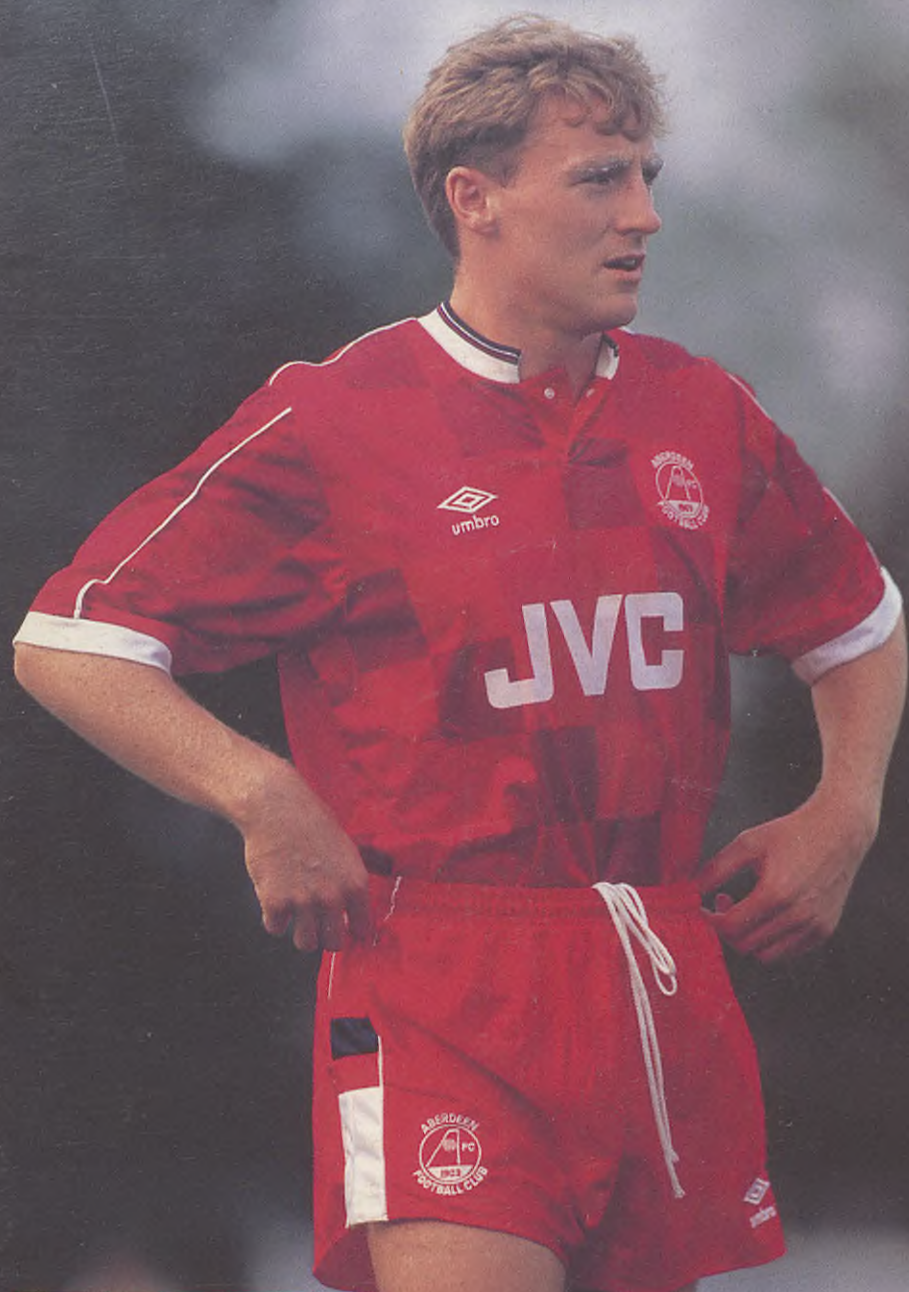


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# TEAM TALK

WITH ALEX SMITH AND JOCKY SCOTT

◆ In saying that today's fixture is the final one of an eventful and satisfying September, I do so with fingers crossed on the outcome of our mid-week European trip.

If we do, in fact, kick off this very challenging game having qualified for the next round of the UEFA Cup in addition to reaching the Skol Cup Final again and achieving League leadership then we can feel we're making good progress.

Having made the point, however, I do emphasise that it is very early days and there must be no complacency or hints of easing up.

The visit of Celtic will be as daunting a challenge as these games always are. It has no bearing on today that we succeeded in getting through the Skol Cup semi-final against them.

Maybe they will be more determined than ever because of it, so only our very peak of performance will do.

Our main aim is to keep the momentum of our recent performances going. I was very pleased with the way we played against Rapid Vienna in the first leg, against Celtic at Hampden and in the League wins over Dunfermline and St. Mirren.

Among the pleasing aspects has been the fact that these results have been achieved by the quality of our all-round teamwork.

We have, in the side, established senior players plus younger ones making their way and those we have signed in the last year or so and it is good to see them all blending together.

It is not new at Pittodrie for the observation to be made that we have men of real calibre in our ranks but I make no apologies for re-stating this very important feature.

To have players of such presence as Theo Snelders in goal and Alex McLeish, Willie Miller and Jim Bett down the centre of the field is a real bonus. The qualities of leadership that these fellows show is quite outstanding and a very powerful



influence on the team as a whole.

This shows itself in game after game, especially the more important ones.

Another good sign is the way that Ian Cameron is settling in.

When I signed him it was because we needed a player to do a consistently sound job in a wide forward position and the indications are that Cameron will deliver.

Obviously it was a great morale boost for him to get that winner at Hampden which takes us to our third successive League Cup Final.

He was unfortunate to be injured so soon after arriving here and that held him back a little and cost him an appearance in the first leg against Rapid but, hopefully, he will continue to quickly catch up.

I feel it is very important for us to have reached the top of the League after our solid start. It is a good feeling and a position that everyone at the club will wish to see maintained by the same level of hard work and

dedication that has got us there.

I have certainly not changed my view that the Premier Division this season is an increasingly strong one with more of the clubs playing a very significant role.

On the broader front we find it very rewarding to have players across the age groups selected in Scottish squads.

Our congratulations go to the four selected for the under-18s - McAnespie, Booth, Roddie and Wright - to Downie in the under-17s and McDonald at under-16 level.

The general picture is that we have sound characters here at senior level and some lads made of the right stuff coming through the age groups.

Providing they all keep on working hard they will get their rewards and safeguard the club's future.

**Best Wishes**  
**ALEX SMITH**

Yes folks, football's back and it seems like it was never away! With Aberdeen on top of the League and the Green Final giving away a free colour wall poster of Dons' stars Brian Grant and Willem Van der Ark.

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# CELTIC

THE BOYS ARE CURRENTLY FOURTH IN THE PREMIER DIVISION

◆ Celtic come to Pittodrie today seeking revenge for their Skol Cup semi-final defeat by Aberdeen at Hampden earlier this month.

Emotions ran rather high at Hampden, especially when Celtic Skipper Roy Aitken was sent off near the end. That gave Celtic the unenviable record of having three players sent off in three successive games in Scotland.

Tommy Burns set the ball rolling by being officially red-carded at Paisley after he'd been substituted. Then Derek Whyte was sent packing at Tannadice for two bookable offences. Scotland World Cup captain then rang up this most unexpected hat-trick.

Most unexpected because Celtic of all teams lay the emphasis fairly and squarely on attacking attractive football, preferring to leave the more physical approach to others.

For example when they played

Partizan Belgrade in Yugoslavia in the Cup Winners' Cup Celtic were perfect ambassadors for Scotland. Partizan wanted to draw Celtic into a hard physical slog but to their eternal credit, Celtic didn't rise to the bait.

The outcome was an unprecedented four bookings for the home side with just one yellow card being administered to Celtic's Mike Galloway. In fact such was the unpleasant approach of Partizan, Austrian referee Helmut Kohl took the unusual step of reporting the Yugoslavs to UEFA for 'Improper play'.

So Celtic haven't suddenly become the big bad ogres of Scottish football. Far from it. In fact, on their day they are still one of the most attractive teams in the country to watch.

Manager Billy McNeill is currently trying to build a team capable of winning both in Scotland and in Europe.

He is trying to play a European type of game without losing any of the Scottish aggression.

It was most significant his two big summer signings both came from the continent. Polish international striker Dariusz Dziekanowski from Legia Warsaw and centre-half Paul Elliott from Pisa.

Dziekanowski, affectionately known as 'Jacki', has been a bit hit since his £540,000 transfer. He has over 50 caps for Poland and has brought an entirely new dimension to Celtic's attack.

He is also hugely popular with the fans. An instant hit. There was an incredible sight in Yugoslavia when just about every one of Celtic's 800 travelling fans wore tee shirts with Jacki's caricature emblazoned across the front.

Elliott hasn't had such a fortunate start to his Celtic career. He's been troubled by injury and illness since his

Celtic celebrate after last season's Scottish Cup success against Rangers at Hampden, a result that kept the trophy at Parkhead and denied Rangers the treble.



£650,000 transfer from Italy. However Celtic expect big things from this Englishman who previously played for Charlton, Luton and Aston Villa. For a start Celtic want Elliott to team up with Derek Whyte in central defence. Whyte has already played for Scotland but can learn lots from Elliott who adapted well to Italian football.

Celtic also have plenty European experience in defence in the form of Republic of Ireland defenders Pat Bonner and Chris Morris. Both played major parts in the Republic's fine showing in the European Championships in West Germany in the summer of '88.

Peter Grant is free of suspension to return to mid-field where his ball winning attributes take much weight off the shoulders of Paul McStay. Grant is a bit of an unsung hero although it's nice to know Scotland coach Andy Roxburgh appreciates him.

He made a successful Scotland debut against Chile last summer after coming on as a substitute against England in the previous game. Grant is definitely in with a big chance of going to Italy with Scotland if as expected we qualify for this summer's World Cup Finals in Italy.

In attack Celtic have former Pittodrie favourite John Hewitt. Recently bought for £237,500, John has been out injured. However, he is expected to be fully fit for this afternoon's clash.

With Celtic keen to play Tommy Coyne through the middle with Dziekanowski, it's vital they have a winger to provide accurate crosses. With Joe Miller currently disillusioned with his lot at Parkhead, Hewitt is the man earmarked for this job at present.

On the other flank in a slightly more withdrawn role Celtic are currently employing another summer signing, £500,000 Mike Galloway from Hearts.

So you can see with these players available, Celtic definitely place the emphasis on playing football rather than indulging in any rough house tactics. No matter what earlier brushes with referees may suggest.

## FACTS & FIGURES

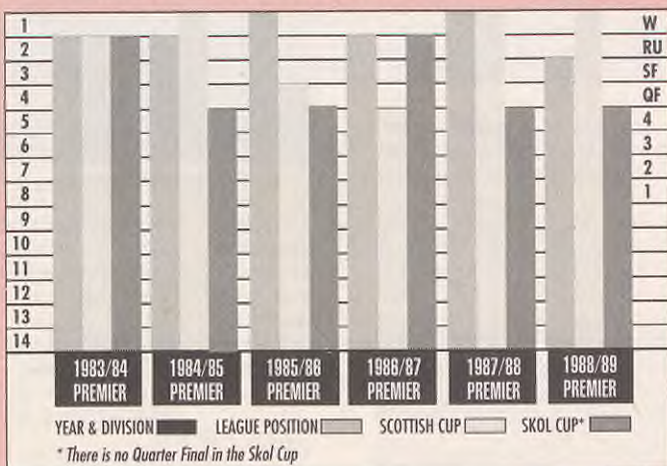
Details of Aberdeen's Premier Division meetings with Celtic

	Pittodrie		Parkhead	
1975-76	1-2	0-1	2-0	1-1
1976-77	2-1	2-0	2-2	1-4
1977-78	2-1	2-1	2-3	2-2
1978-79	4-1	1-1	0-0	0-1
1979-80	1-2	0-2	2-1	3-1
1980-81	2-2	4-1	2-0	1-1
1981-82	1-3	1-3	1-2	1-0
1982-83	1-2	1-0	3-1	3-1
1983-84	3-1	1-0	0-0	0-1
1984-85	4-2	1-1	1-2	0-2
1985-86	4-1	0-1	1-2	1-1
1986-87	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1
1987-88	0-1	0-1	2-2	0-0
1988-89	2-2	0-0	3-1	0-0

### CELTIC PREMIER RECORD 1989/90

	Home	Away
Aberdeen	-	-
Dundee	-	-
Dundee Utd	-	2-2
Dunfermline	1-0	-
Hearts	-	3-1
Hibernian	-	-
Motherwell	1-1	-
Rangers	1-1	-
St. Mirren	-	0-1

### CELTIC'S SIX-YEAR LEAGUE & CUP RECORD



LAST LEAGUE MEETING - Saturday 29th April 1989 - Attendance 22,000

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ABERDEEN: Snelders, McKimmie, D Robertson, Grant, McLeish, Irvine, Nicholas, Bett, Wright, Connor, Mason. Subs: Van Der Ark (for Wright) & Watson (for Connor)

CELTIC: Bonner, Grant, Rogan, Aitken, McCarthy, Burns, Stark, McStay, Walker, McGhee, Miller. Subs: Elliot (for Walker) & Baillie (not used)



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# AROUND ABERDEEN

NEWS FROM BEHIND THE SCENES AT PITTODRIE

## THIRD TIME LUCKY?

◆ It's getting to be a habit. And not a bad one, at that.

Three Skol Cup Finals in succession against Rangers at Hampden, the latest one earned by that narrowest of victories over today's opposition, Celtic.

Bearing in mind that the previous two were extremely close run affairs, with Rangers winning first on penalties and then in extra time this one is odds-on to be a nail-biter, too.

Some will say that it's Don's turn this time and, for sure, the neutrals would no doubt settle for a change of result this time.

Whatever comes of it the occasion will be another superb one with our supporters enjoying their 'annual' trip to one final or another.

Coming on the heels of the first leg win over Rapid Vienna in the UEFA Cup it completed a week which confirmed that sound progress is being maintained on the playing side. It was a great night for Ian Cameron, too. Scoring that decisive goal will do his confidence no harm at all.

## BP YOUTH CUP EXIT

◆ So Rangers are out of the BP Youth Cup but not by the usual route.



IAN CAMERON - decisive strike

The Ibrox club have withdrawn because they were unable to raise a suitable team to play Motherwell who will meet Dalbeattie Star.

Dons are ready to take on Brora Rangers away from home in pursuit of the prestigious trophy.

## GALA NIGHT

◆ Here's a chance to enjoy a super night out, at the Gala Sportsman's Dinner in aid of cancer and leukaemia research.

The event, which features BBC's Bill McFarlane, Emlyn Hughes and Jim Leishman, as speakers, is at the Stakis Tree-tops Hotel on Sunday November the 5th.

For more details and reservations contact Graeme Cadger 031-556-1234.

## CHARITY GOLF

◆ Aberdeen FC's annual charity sporting week-end was a big success again recently, with 18 companies and three home teams completing the field.

The company teams taking part enjoyed a buffet lunch and match at Pittodrie and a dinner plus speakers on the Saturday evening.

Next day, blessed with fine weather, there were 18 holes of golf at Deeside and 'bottom line' of it all, apart from the good fun and goodwill, was a cheque for £3,200 for local charities.

## PROUD DAD

◆ Club physio Dave Wylie has been playing the game of 'happy families' recently with the arrival of a new baby daughter.

Little Alison, a brother for two-and-a-half-year-old Neil, is doing well as are the happy parents, Dave and Leslie.

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## TV TEDDY

◆ Teddy Scott was recently the Don in focus when BBC presenter, Dougie Donnelly, put together a programme about the Pittodrie all-rounder and Celtic's Jim Steel.

Both gentlemen have given lifetimes of service to their respective clubs, especially in terms of helping young players through the various stages of their careers.

The topic of the programme was the number of players whom they have seen through from that hesitant first day as an apprentice pro to become stars.

Ted and Jim once actually worked together, this was when Alex Ferguson had them as two of his backroom team for the Mexico World Cup. Jim, of course, does the Scotland job on a regular basis but it was Teddy's first World Cup.

The TV feature was a splendid idea. Nice to see guys from the backbone of the game getting the limelight.

## GREAT DONS

◆ A new book on the market will be a big hit with Dons fans and will certainly turn out to be a popular and welcome Xmas gift.

## SCOTT TOPS

◆ Young Striker Scott Booth is seen proudly holding the Bobby Calder Trophy, presented to him by Alex Smith before the Vienna game.

Scott was selected for the award, as the club's most improved young player in the past year, by the managers and coaches.

Previous winners have been Gregg Watson, Michael Watt and David Robertson, now well established as a regular first teamer.

Scott scored many fine goals last season and has continued his promise this term. He's a close pal of Eion Jess who has made his first team breakthrough including an appetizing taste of Euro action.



The book is 'Aberdeen Greats' by Alex Guthrie of the Evening Express Green Final.

The players he features in the publication (Sportsprint Publications, £6.50) are George Hamilton, Archie Glen, Graham Leggat, Bobby Clark, Martin Buchan, Joe Harper, Willie Miller, Gordon Strachan and Jim Leighton.

## YOUNG DONS

◆ A quartet of Young Dons picked up some useful international experience for Scotland Under-18s in the European championship in Sweden.

The team lost by 4-0 but McAnespie, Booth, Wright and Roddie will all have learned from the exercise.

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# PAST MASTERS

JIM RICKABY TRACKS DOWN POPULAR DONS OF YESTERYEAR

◆ Any list of all time great Aberdeen players would have to have the name of Joe Harper on it.

Joe joined the Dons from Morton in 1969 and went on to establish himself as the club's all time leading scorer. Not surprisingly Joe also established himself as the uncrowned 'king' of Pittodrie but when he originally signed, it was as a right winger but there was a hint that the club had unearthed a natural striker.

"When I started my career with Morton as a 15 year old, I was only 5ft 5in and virtually a 10 stone weakling. Hal Stewart decided then that I would play on the right wing but I still had a flair for the goals. In my first full season with Morton I ended up with 23 goals from the wing," recalled Joe.

"I had a wee spell with Huddersfield and came back again and that's when Eddie Turnbull first saw me and he took me to Pittodrie as a winger. In saying that in my first season at Pittodrie I think I scored 20 odd goals and by that time I was beginning to fill out. Eddie Turnbull decided that I would be better playing through the middle and things really took off from there.

I only grew about an inch, but I was stronger and could take the knocks. He signed me because I had ability but basically he signed me because I knew where the goal was."

Over the years Joe scored well over 200 goals in a red jersey but few were so crucial as the penalty he converted against Celtic in the 1970 Scottish Cup Final at Hampden.

"The game stands out for obvious reasons. The fact that Celtic were virtually the best team in Britain at that point. They had already won the European Cup and were in the Final of another and we were so much the underdogs just to get to the final.

Once we got there it was just a case of how many Celtic were going to score. But we actually played them off the park. I remember to this day that on the way back to Gleneagles after the game even when we were passing the Celtic busses they were actually applauding us and clapping us. Obviously it's a great memory for me as I scored the penalty," said Joe.

"A lot of people have asked me the question... you must have been nervous, you know, in front of 108,000 people... but I wasn't nervous and the penalty was held up for about five minutes before I could take it. It was probably the best penalty I've ever taken in my life, sending the goalkeeper the wrong way but I must admit that after that when I've looked at photographs which my parents have got and I see behind me is just a mass of people I begin to get nervous then," quipped Joe.

The conversation turned to team mates at Pittodrie and Joe couldn't resist a friendly jibe at the expense of former goalkeeper Bobby Clark.

"Bobby Clark impressed me because he's still got his first penny but to be serious Clarkie was a great professional, I learned a hell of a lot from him. He was a goalkeeper, I was a striker, he was proud to keep the ball out and I wanted to see the ball go in and we used to have some great battles at training because of that. He had a great attitude, professionalism and knowledge of the game.

As far as international football goes the biggest influence on my career was Billy Bremner. He was absolutely superb but I don't think he ever got the credit for the player that he was. He used to orchestrate a team, like take up the baton and say this is what we'll do. Then there was Kenny Dalglish, the guy was basically two moves ahead of everybody else, I'm just sorry I didn't play alongside them more often."

It's often said about Joe Harper that he was a more complete player when he returned to Pittodrie for the second time in 1976. I asked him to comment on that view.

"I think probably I had changed but one of the things that used to irk me or hurt me was when opposition supporters said I was a poacher, that I used to poach goals, which I did,



## JOE HARPER

I had a nose for goals but I didn't get credit for the ability I had. I could pass a ball with either foot any distance you would want to and I don't think people realised that till I came back the second time, I was just peaking about that time. I was also getting into the Scottish team and was playing with better players and had a better knowledge of the game.

As mentioned before, Joe regards the 1970 Scottish Cup Final as his finest hour as a Don but in common with almost all players he regards his international games as his biggest thrill. Another great honour for Joe was to break the all time goalscoring record at Pittodrie, a record incidentally that he feels may never be broken.

To round off, I asked him who had been the biggest influence on his career.

"I think the greatest influence on my career was Eddie Turnbull and also Jimmy Bonithrone and Teddy Scott. Teddy's a straight talker, he told you if you were good, he told you if you were bad, but Eddie Turnbull was the best coach I ever had, he was a superb reader of opponents and he knew their weaknesses and how to work on them. Going way back the biggest influence on me was my father and my grandfather.

At one point I could have gone to Rangers but the advice they gave me was that I was better being a big fish in a small pool than a small fish in a big pool. The best advice I ever had as a striker was when my grandfather said to me... 'when you get a sight of the goal or hit the ball always aim for the goalkeeper, nine times out of 10 you'll miss him and if you miss him the chances are you'll score a goal.' It's a basic, even stupid thing, but it worked!"