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CENTENARY BENEFIT MATCH



ABERDEEN XI

(With Guest Premier League Players)

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SATURDAY 13th AUGUST 1983

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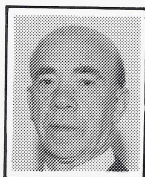


**Trojan Horse,
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the hoses to
put out the
Great Fire of
London,
and helped
make
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Napoleon.**



BP Britain at its best.

**But even we couldn't have come up
with a better idea than Sir William Smith's**



Alexander C. Collie, M.B.E., J.P.
Lord Provost City of Aberdeen

The values and the thinking that have been gained through membership of the Boys' Brigade — I was a member of the 27th Aberdeen Co. — have stood the test of time and hold as good today as ever they have.

I know that, in our city alone, thousands of young men pass through the Brigade with the real influence of its work often never recognised. But look around and one finds many former members of the B.B. having reached positions of eminence and responsibility within the community, contributing to its well being and still mindful of the role the Boys' Brigade played in their formative years.

The achievements of the last hundred years are to be congratulated. The continued influence of the Boys' Brigade in the next hundred years is something we believe will equip our young people with the discipline, comradeship and christian values required to successfully steer them through life.

I am, therefore, pleased in the name of the City of Aberdeen, to convey Best Wishes and Congratulations to the Boys' Brigade on reaching its Centenary of Service.



David Brown Programme Secretary (Scotland and Ireland)
The Boys' Brigade

In view of the impact so many former members of The Boys' Brigade have made, both as players at International and Club level and also in Management, it is fitting in this the Centenary Year of the Brigade that a Benefit Football Match such as being staged to-day should take place. The Managers and many of the Players in to-day's teams are notable examples and the Brigade is extremely grateful to Alex Ferguson and Terry Neill for their wholehearted co-operation and encouragement in promoting such an attractive game.

Our sincere appreciation is due to many — to the Directors of Aberdeen Football Club for giving us the use of Pittodrie and for releasing their players; to Arsenal Football Club for permitting their team to come to Aberdeen; to the Premier League Clubs in Scotland for releasing their players to participate; to the Scottish Football Association and the Scottish League for their kind permission to hold the fixture; and to to-day's Match Officials.

It is hoped that all who are present at Pittodrie this afternoon will enjoy the game and all the Pre-Match and Interval entertainment.

The Boys' Brigade reflects with some pride to its past 100 years and looks forward with anticipation to many more years of close links with football.

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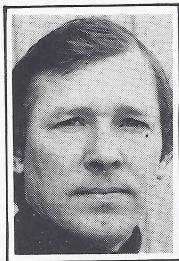


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— THE MANAGERS —



Alex Ferguson, the Manager of Aberdeen F.C., winners of the European Cup-Winners Cup and Scottish Cup during the 1982/83 season. An ex-member of the 129th Glasgow Coy, 'Fergie' is always keen to help the movement and our 'Local Hero' has been involved in visits to Companies in the district. Despite being much in demand due to the Clubs recent success, he always seems to find time for the Boys' Brigade.

During a recent press conference at Pittodrie when Alex named the Boys' Brigade Rose — another instance of his willingness to give of his time — he commented that it was as a result of his involvement in BB Football that his interest in the sport developed. "The BB provided me with a sound training for life and I hope The Brigade will continue for the next 100 years offering youngsters the same opportunity."



Terry Neill, the Manager of Arsenal F.C. and a Brigade Hon. Vice-President, says:

"The Boys' Brigade has always been the cornerstone of my life throughout so many important times.

Arriving in London as a teenager from the 1st Bangor Company I was able to transfer to the 21st London Company. This proved a great strength to me at a time when I was very much alone in the big city — except for the football club — and I was very homesick.

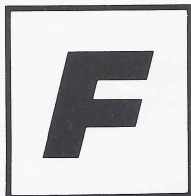
Summer camps, especially some of the International sports camps that I attended, and the help and guidance of so many BB personnel throughout the world, have helped to give me a sure and steadfast footing in life.

I trust that during the Centenary Celebrations I can re-pay the Brigade just a little for what they have done and meant to me during my life."

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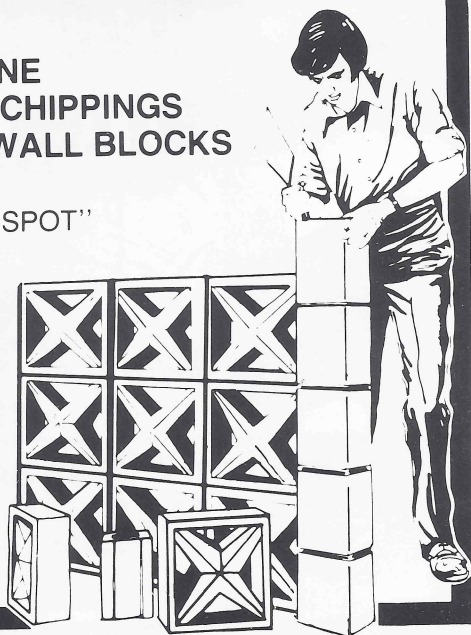
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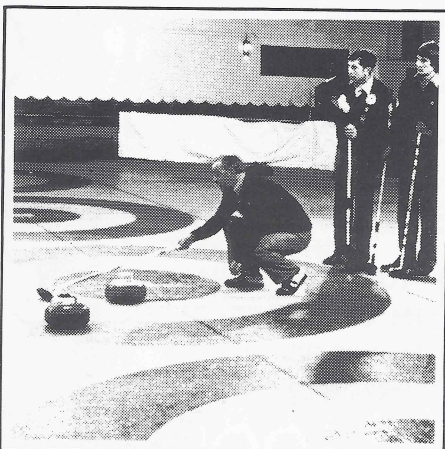
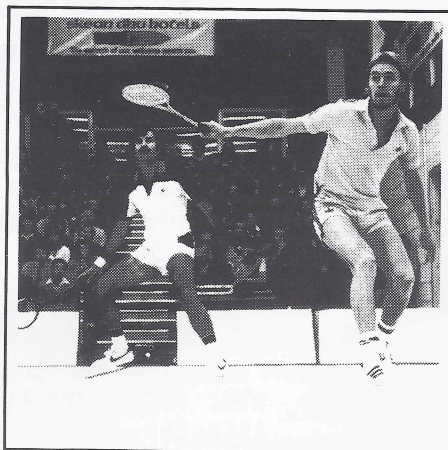


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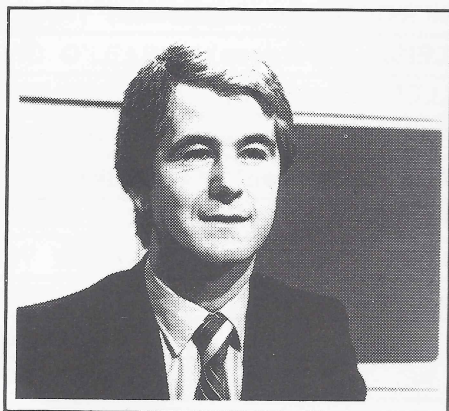
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● **LEE CHAPMAN** went straight from Sixth Form College into Stoke's Reserve team and made an early League debut — on loan to Plymouth Argyle. His first two seasons in the First Division brought 34 goals and an England Under-21 cap before he joined Arsenal last August at a tribunal-assessed fee of £500,000.

● **PAUL DAVIS** was the advance guard for a number of Arsenal youngsters who have emerged in the last three seasons. A former London Boys representative, he moved through the apprentice ranks to make his League debut at 18 in a local derby with Spurs three years ago. Won two England Under-21 caps last season and two more this term.

● **PAT JENNINGS'** personal file continues to grow as he approaches his 38th birthday in June. This season he became the first British player to complete 1,000 competitive appearances, a record which includes a record-breaking total of 95 full caps for Northern Ireland. He received his first cap with Watford and, in his time with Spurs he won both the Football Writers' and PFA's Player of the Year awards.

● **JOHN KAY** is the newest member of Arsenal's squad, having made his debut at right-back at the Hawthorns in February. He is from Great Lumley — a village quite close to the home of Manchester United's Bryan Robson

● **RAPHAEL MEADE** burst on to the scene with a UEFA Cup goal against Panathinaikos and a League debut goal against Manchester City. He played in 16 League games, then had to wait until February this term before opening up with two goals against Brighton. Netted against United in the second leg of the Milk Cup semi-final.

● **PETER NICHOLAS** attended a Rugby Union dominated school in Newport, but soon made football his priority with Schools and Youth caps for Wales. Joined Crystal Palace as an apprentice and played in two FA Youth Cup-winning teams, making his full debut for Wales at 18. He has been with Arsenal for just over two years.

● **DAVID O'LEARY** was born in the London area but spent his schooldays in Southern Ireland when work took his father back home. He played for the Republic Schools team and might have joined Manchester United. But he didn't hear any more after a trial at Old Trafford and signed for Arsenal instead.

● **GRAHAM RIX** was an ever-present in England's five matches in the World Cup Finals and played in three internationals this season, making a total of 16 full caps. He appeared in the FA Cup Final in each of his first three seasons as a senior regular and has confirmed his rating as a Cup specialist with goals in each of the first three rounds this season. He succeeded Liam Brady as Arsenal's left-sided organiser and is big pals with Brady, whom he has visited several times in Italy.

● **KENNY SANSOM** stepped up for his 32nd full cap for England last month. His promise was obvious when he joined Crystal Palace as an

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England Schools international and was maintained while he won promotion honours as a teenager. He was the full-back wanted by almost every club, but Arsenal had the ace card when they swapped him for Clive Allen in August 1980. Both players were rated at more than £1m.

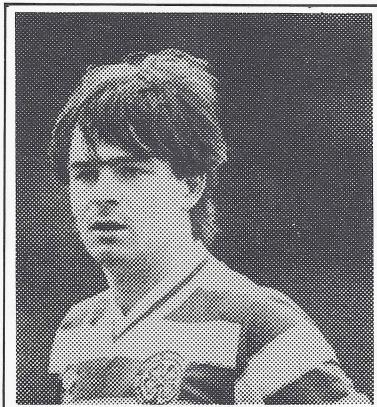
● **ALAN SUNDERLAND** signed from Wolves for around £200,000 in November 1977. He has been a consistent marksman while winning 'B' and full caps for England. He's a good shot off the field as well, collecting a prize for registering 180 in a Summer Darts League last year.

● **BRIAN TALBOT** created a spot of history when Arsenal beat United at Wembley three years ago. It was his second consecutive FA Cup Winners' medal — and the first was for Ipswich against Arsenal. An England midfield player, with six caps, he moved to Highbury for around £450,000. As a teenager, he improved his knowledge with two seasons in Canada with Toronto Metro and now he is a fully qualified FA coach.

● **CHRIS WHYTE** has a Barbadian father and a Jamaican mother, but, so far, the closest he has been to the family homes, was when playing in Trinidad for Arsenal. He grew up on Arsenal's doorstep, playing for Islington Boys, and made quick progress last season to win a regular place in the back four and selection for the England Under-21 team.

● **TONY WOODCOCK** confesses that he didn't really enjoy playing at Highbury when he was in a very successful Nottingham Forest team, but he has no complaints now that he is Arsenal's leading scorer in his first season since leaving FC Cologne. He became fairly fluent in the German language during nearly three years in the Bundesliga, but was looking to return home after playing in the World Cup Finals last summer.

'The Gunners' new BIG SHOT



CHARLIE NICHOLAS

On 22nd June, Charlie Nicholas changed from the Green and White of Celtic to the Red and White of Arsenal. A fee reputed to be in excess of £750,000 changed hands when Charlie signed a four year contract with the Highbury club. Terry Neill is looking to Charlie Nicholas to link up with the established Arsenal strike-force, to slot away goals like the fifty-two which rocketed him to the top of the Scottish scoring charts last season. Last season saw Charlie win both the Football Writers' and the Player of the Year Awards. (Just edging out our own Willie Miller from the latter).

Charlie is convinced Arsenal is a team that is going places. So strong is this belief that apart from turning down offers from Manchester United and Liverpool, he also turned down a £500,000 signing on fee from the Italian club, Inter Milan.

We wish Charlie and his colleagues success in the coming season and look out for the goals coming fast and furious (but not today)



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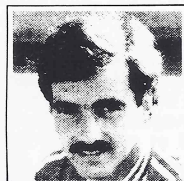
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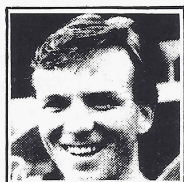
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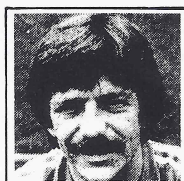
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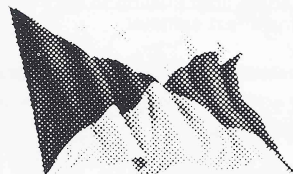
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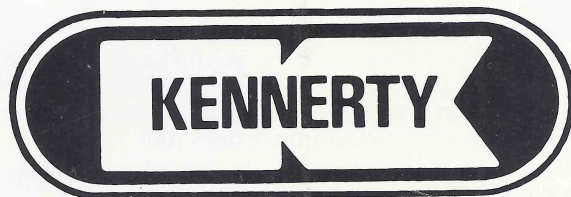
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