

# Aces News

## "Wear your Colours with Pride"

Continuing our look at the young supporters who make up the Airdrie Aces, Andrew Kennedy is the next Ace who provides his view on what it's like to be a follower of the Diamonds.



Season ticket holder Andrew, age 12, is a regular visitor to away grounds to watch the Diamonds, going along to many matches with his Dad and Papa. He thinks it's a different atmosphere away from 'Broomfield', and he gets to sit in a different seat and a different part of the ground. His favourite away ground is Strathclyde Homes Stadium, home of Dumbarton, because of the view of 'the Rock' when visiting the ground, although in his experience it's still not a patch on Airdrie's ground which "is one of the best Stadiums in the SFL".

When asked what his favourite ever Airdrie game is, without hesitation he responds, the Challenge Cup Final victory over Ross County at McDiarmid Park in 2008. Seeing the Diamonds lift the cup was his best memory of Airdrie in action. Andrew takes great pride in following the Diamonds and when asked at school why he supports them he replies, "because they're my local team".

His favourite Airdrie player is Bolton Wanderers manager Owen Coyle and Andrew has a great story about the time he met the Diamond legend a few years ago at

McDiarmid Park when he was managing Burnley. During the close season when Airdrie didn't have a game, Andrew and his Papa attended a pre-season friendly between St Johnstone and Burnley. Andrew asked him for an autograph and Owen spent some time talking to him and when he discovered that he was an Airdrie supporter, uttered the immortal words, "Wear the colours with pride". Something which Andrew does to every game he attends.



## Upcoming Event

Watch out for news of a great event which will be coming up very soon for all young Airdrie supporters.

It will be something that we've never seen before and all Aces will love it.

News of exactly what it is will be coming very soon so watch out in future editions to find out more.

## Aces Writing Competition

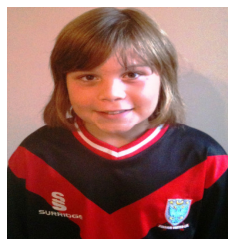
Don't forget about the Aces writing competition.

If you were at the last home match against Albion Rovers the Aces News would love to hear about your experiences.

All you have to do is write a short story about your experience at the game.

## Aces Mascot Day

Alexander Gracie, age 10, was the Aces mascot at the recent Albion Rovers game and has written to the Aces News about his experience of the day.



"Being the Airdrie mascot was really exciting for me. I have been going to all the home games for a few years now with my uncle Jim and have a season ticket. When we arrived we went up the stairs and seen all the framed football shirts then we went to the control room where we seen all around the stadium and went into put our name on the score board. Then I met all the team and they signed my programme and I got pictures taken with them. The best part was running out on to the pitch the atmosphere was amazing and so was the result! Thanks for a great day!!!!" Thanks for writing in Alexander.

## Ace Wordsearch

Can you find 6 players from the current Diamonds squad hidden in the grid below?

Answers in the next edition of Aces News.

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