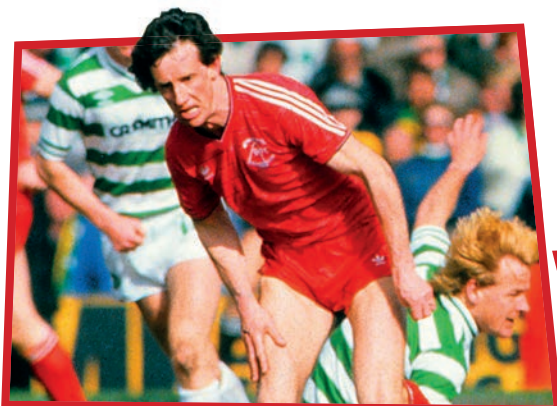


SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION 1984-85

THE SEASON WHEN... ABERDEEN

WERE CHAMPIONS

With a manager Man Utd fans will recognise, Aberdeen upset Celtic and Rangers



		PREMIER DIVISION										Pts	GD	
		Home					Away							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
1	Aberdeen	36	13	4	1	49	13	14	1	3	40	13	59	+63
2	Celtic	36	12	3	3	43	12	10	5	3	34	18	52	+47
3	Dundee U	36	13	2	3	47	18	7	5	6	20	15	47	+34
4	Rangers	36	7	6	5	21	14	6	6	6	26	24	38	+9
5	St Mirren	36	10	2	6	29	24	7	2	9	22	32	38	-5
6	Dundee	36	9	3	6	25	19	6	4	8	23	31	37	-2
7	Hearts	36	6	3	9	21	26	7	2	9	26	38	31	-17
8	Hibernian	36	5	4	9	23	30	5	3	10	15	31	27	-23
9	Dumbarton	36	4	4	10	17	29	2	3	13	12	35	19	-35
10	Morton	36	3	1	14	18	44	2	1	15	11	56	12	-71

Aberdeen get the draw they need and Willie Millie celebrates!

WHY IT MATTERED

This was the last time a team other than Celtic or Rangers won the Scottish title!

The five years before this season had been a really exciting time for football in Scotland, with clubs other than the two Glasgow giants of Celtic and Rangers rising to the top.

Aberdeen, managed by Alex Ferguson, had won the top division twice (in 1980 and 1984) and Dundee United once (1983), with Celtic taking the other two and Rangers struggling to keep up.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the Scottish Cup first round, Stirling Albion beat non-League Selkirk 20-0. It was the biggest win in British football since Preston had beaten Hyde 26-0 in 1887!

THE STORY OF THE SEASON

Defending champions Aberdeen were determined to keep their crown and set off like a train. They won 15 of their first 17 games and never looked back.

Ferguson's wizards beat Celtic 4-2, hammered Rangers 5-1 and overall scored four or more in ten different matches!

In March they started a run of six wins in a row in which they banged in 22 goals and conceded just three. It meant that, when Celtic visited on 27th April, Aberdeen could effectively seal the title.

With around 23,000 packed in to Pittodrie Stadium, things didn't start well for the home side. Celtic took the lead on 39 minutes when Roy Aitken smashed home a penalty. Aberdeen didn't give

up, though, and on the hour Willie Miller equalised. Then he set off on wild celebrations that included him sprinting around the pitch!

Aberdeen won their final two games to take the title by seven points. Rangers struggled to fourth and Morton won just five matches all season as they conceded 100 goals and finished bottom.

There was some joy for both Celtic and Rangers in the cups. Rangers beat Dundee United 1-0 in the League Cup final, while Celtic beat the same team 2-1 in the Scottish Cup final!

Dundee United and Rangers at Hampden Park





Celtic triumph in the Scottish Cup final

1984-85 WINNERS

League **Aberdeen**
 Scottish Cup **Celtic**
 League Cup **Rangers**
 Top scorer **Frank McDougall, Aberdeen (22)**
 Player of the year **Hamish McAlpine, Dundee United**
 Players' player of the year **Jim Duffy, Morton**
 Young player of the year **Craig Levein, Hearts**



Rangers are victorious in the League Cup

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

This title meant that **Alex Ferguson** had won three Scottish Premier Divisions, three Scottish Cups, one UEFA Cup-Winners Cup and one European Super Cup during his time at Aberdeen. The next season he added another Scottish Cup and a League Cup to the trophy cabinet before moving south to **Manchester United**.

At Old Trafford, Ferguson won a total of 13 Premier League titles, five FA Cups, four League Cups, two Champions Leagues, another Cup-Winners Cup and Super Cup, plus an Intercontinental Cup and a Club World Cup... that's a lot of trophies!

Back in Scotland, without Ferguson **Aberdeen** fell away the next season and **Celtic** regained the title. Between them, Celtic and **Rangers** have won every title since, though Aberdeen have finished runners-up nine times during that period, including in each of the past four seasons.

TOP FACT

Despite Morton's terrible season one of their defenders, **Jim Duffy**, was named the **Scottish PFA player of the year!**



Alex Ferguson before joining Man United

