Report and Financial Statements

30 June 2003



Deloitte & Touche LLP Aberdeen

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS

Edward H Thompson (Chairman)
John M Bennett
James D S Carnegie
Gilbert B Haggart
Derek W Robertson
Stephen E Thompson
Michael G Watson

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AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP Aberdeen

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2003.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company is that of a professional football club. The company is a founding member of the Scottish Premier League.

RESULTS

The company incurred a loss for the year of £2,876,434 (2002: £2,309,614). The directors do not propose a dividend. The loss for the year has been set against reserves.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

In common with most Scottish football clubs the company is experiencing difficult financial circumstances. At the time of signing these accounts, we are in the process of finalising and implementing measures designed to stabilise the club's finances.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The present membership of the board is set out on page 1.

The beneficial interests of the Directors in the shares of the company, as defined by the Companies Act 1985, at 1 July 2002 and 30 June 2003, were as follows:

		Ordinary shares of 10p each	
		2003	2002
Edward H Thompson	(appointed 24 September 2002)	6,503	-
John M Bennett	(appointed 28 February 2002)	5	-
James D S Carnegie		124	257
Gilbert B Haggart		5	5
Derek W Robertson	(appointed 24 September 2002)	5	-
Stephen E Thompson	(appointed 24 September 2002)	5	-

Subsequent to the year end, the company completed a rights issues in which the directors subscribed for additional ordinary shares of 10p each, details of the changes can be found in note 23.

James W Barrie resigned as a director on 24 September 2002.

Michael G Watson was appointed as a director on 29 August 2003.

AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP were appointed by the directors and have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors. A resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

15April 2004

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

United Kingdom company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for the system of internal control, safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DUNDEE UNITED FOOTBALL COMPANY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Dundee United Football Company Limited for the year ended 30 June 2003 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes 1 to 26. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements, which are required to be prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and auditing standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report for the above year and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom auditing standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Going concern

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 1 to the accounts, concerning the uncertainty as to the implementation of the measures intended to reduce the cost base of the company. In view of the significance of this uncertainty we consider that it should be drawn to your attention, but our report is not qualified in this respect.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DUNDEE UNITED FOOTBALL COMPANY LIMITED (continued)

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 30 June 2003 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Delsitti X. Touche LLP.

Aberdeen

16. April 2004

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 30 June 2003

		2003	2002 as restated (note 25)
	Note	£	£
TURNOVER: continuing operations	2	3,086,440	4,027,647
Cost of sales – recurring costs Cost of sales – exceptional costs	4		(5,185,281) (75,631)
Total cost of sales		(4,957,296)	(5,260,912)
Gross loss		(1,870,856)	(1,233,265)
Administrative expenses		(839,680)	(1,281,827)
Other operating income		42,391	65,458
OPERATING LOSS: continuing operations	5	(2,668,145)	(2,449,634)
Profit on sale of player registrations	6	100,000 1,039	
Interest receivable Interest payable and similar charges	7	•	(177,746)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION Tax on loss on ordinary activities	8	(2,876,434)	(2,309,614)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	18	(2,876,434)	(2,309,614)
Retained profit brought forward		1,084,082	3,393,696
Retained (loss)/profit carried forward		(1,792,352)	1,084,082

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the profit and loss account. Accordingly, no statement of total recognised gains and losses is presented.

BALANCE SHEET 30 June 2003

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	9	539,345	45,036
Tangible assets	10	7,443,352	7,705,601
Investments	11	6,658	6,705
		7,989,355	7,757,342
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	12	75,606	130,018
Debtors	13	450,083	330,925
Cash at bank and in hand		2,434	9,956
		528,123	470,899
CREDITORS: amounts falling due			
within one year	14	(6,036,757)	(4,823,789)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(5,508,634)	(4,352,890)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,480,721	3,404,452
CREDITORS: amounts falling due			(· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
after more than one year	15	(4,271,772)	(2,319,069)
		(1,791,051)	1,085,383
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	17	1,301	1,301
Profit and loss account		(1,792,352)	1,084,082
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS			
(DEFICIT)/FUNDS	18	(1,791,051)	1,085,383

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 15 April 2004.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

EH Thompson

CASH FLOW STATEMENT Year ended 30 June 2003

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
Net cash outflow from operating activities	19	(1,713,671)	(1,537,432)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	20(i)	(283,289)	(177,735)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	20(ii)	(263,110)	527,924
Net cash outflow before financing		(2,260,070)	(1,187,243)
Financing	20(iii)	1,958,509	(54,287)
Decrease in cash	21	(301,561)	(1,241,530)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 June 2003

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted by the directors are described below.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention.

The company is dependent on the continuing support of its bankers and shareholders to continue to trade as a going concern. The current banking facilities comprise an overdraft and term loan, and the company's bankers have intimated that they continue to be supportive. The overdraft is repayable on demand with the next review date scheduled for February 2005, and a moratorium is in place, until notified otherwise, on capital payments falling due under the term loan.

The directors have prepared projected cash flow information for the period ending 30 June 2005, which incorporates measures to reduce the cost base of the company and align it to its expected future revenues. The projected cash flow information to 30 June 2005 indicates that there will be times when the overdraft requirement exceeds the facilities currently available. While a number of the measures included in the cash flow projection have still to be finalised and actioned, the directors are confident that the projected cash flow benefits arising from these measures will be achieved. Consequently the directors believe the projected cash flow information is prudent.

On the basis of the projected cash flow information to 30 June 2005, and discussions with the company's bankers, the directors have formed a judgement at the time of approving the financial statements that appropriate financial support will continue to be available to the company throughout the 12 months from the signing of these accounts.

On this basis, the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result if the company is unable to continue to trade as a going concern.

Exemption from group accounts

The company is exempt by virtue of Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 and FRS 2 from the requirement to prepare group accounts on the basis of being a medium sized group. The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about the group.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided on fixed assets to write off the cost, less the estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings 2% straight line

Fixtures and fittings 15% reducing balance

Motor vehicles 25% reducing balance

Depreciation is not provided on freehold land.

Grants receivable

Grants receivable from the Football Grounds Improvement Trust, in respect of capital expenditure, are credited to deferred income in the balance sheet, and are released to revenue over the expected useful life of the relevant asset by equal annual amounts.

Stocks

Stocks which consist of goods for resale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Year ended 30 June 2003

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Transfer costs

Amounts paid to third parties for players' registrations, football league levies and agent' commissions are capitalised as intangible assets and amortised on a straight line basis over the periods of their contracts.

Where contingencies are contained within those contracts for further payments, these costs are recognised when they crystallise and are amortised over the remaining period of the contract.

Profit on sale of players' registrations

The profit on sale of players' registrations represents the proceeds of sale less the net book value of the registration and any direct costs.

Signing on fees

Signing on fees and loyalty bonuses are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred. However, future instalments that are contingent on continued service are not recognised until the relevant conditions are satisfied.

Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences which result in obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements. Deferred tax is not provided on timing differences on unremitted earnings of subsidiaries where there is no commitment to remit these earnings. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover arises wholly within the UK from the company's activities and represents the amounts (excluding value added tax) derived from the provision of goods and services to customers during the year.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 June 2003

3. INFORMATION REGARDING EMPLOYEES

	2003 No.	2002 No.
Average number of persons employed		
Football	57	59
Administration and management	21	21
Ground staff	12	12
	90	92
	2003	2002
	£	£
Directors' remuneration		
Emoluments	96,995 ————	22,587
		4
	2003	2002
	£	£
Staff costs during the year (including directors)		
Wages and salaries	2,948,513	3,209,186
Social security costs	343,789	320,169
	3,292,302	3,529,355

4. EXCEPTIONAL COSTS

These costs relate to redundancy and termination payments incurred as a result of changes within the football staff and management of the club.

5. OPERATING LOSS

	2003 £	2002 £
Operating loss is after charging/(crediting)	~	**
Auditors' remuneration	9,000	8,000
Depreciation		
- owned assets	232,334	225,191
- leased assets	9,908	9,908
Amortisation of player registrations:		
- opening balance written off	45,036	-
- amortisation in year	72,053	757,940
Loss/(gain) on sale of assets	4,080	(8,083)
Write down of investment in subsidiary	1,000	-
Release of deferred income	(46,361)	(47,308)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 June 2003

6.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE		
		2003 £	2002 £
	Bank interest	1,039	11
7.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
		2003 £	2002 £
	Bank loans and overdrafts Finance leases and hire purchase contracts	307,667 1,661	176,414 1,332
		309,328	177,746
8.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
		2003 £	2002 £
	Current tax UK corporation tax		
			<u>-</u>
	The standard rate of tax for the year, based on the UK standard rate of corporation for the current and the previous year differs from the standard rate for the reason reconciliation.		
		2003 £	2002 £
	Loss on ordinary activities before tax Tax on loss on ordinary activities at standard rate	(2,876,434) (862,930)	(2,309,614) (692,885)
	Factors affecting charge for the year Expenses not deductible for tax proposed Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Loss arising	51,355 (22,437) 834,976	9,789 33,612 647,245
	Other items		2,239

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 June 2003

9. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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			:	Football registrations
Cost At 1 July 2002 Write off Additions				1,413,497 (1,413,497) 611,398
At 30 June 2003				611,398
Accumulated depreciation At 1 July 2002 Write off Charge for the year				1,368,461 (1,368,461) 72,053
At 30 June 2003				72,053
Net book value At 30 June 2003				539,345
At 30 June 2002				45,036
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures & fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost At 1 July 2002 Additions Disposals	8,594,163 20,764 (38,000)	1,226,589 22,070	128,583	9,949,335 42,834 (83,882)
At 30 June 2003	8,576,927	1,248,659	82,701	9,908,287
Accumulated depreciation At 1 July 2002 Charge for the year Disposals	1,316,086 171,182	852,478 61,254	75,170 9,806 (21,041)	2,243,734 242,242 (21,041)
At 30 June 2003	1,487,268	913,732	63,935	2,464,935
Net book value At 30 June 2003	7,089,659	334,927	18,766	7,443,352
At 30 June 2002	7,278,077	374,111	53,413	7,705,601

The net book value of the company's tangible fixed assets includes £38,000 (2002: £38,000) in respect of land, this is not depreciated.

The net book value of fixed assets includes £nil (2002: £29,722) in respect of assets held under hire purchase agreements.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 June 2003

11. INVESTMENTS

			Investment in subsidiary £	Listed Investment £	
	Cost				
	At 1 July 2002		1,000	5,705	6,705
	Additions		-	953	953
	At 30 June 2003		1,000	6,658	7,658
	Provision				
	Impairment in year and at 30 June 2003		1,000		1,000
	Net Book Value				
	At 30 June 2003			6,658	6,658
	At 30 June 2002		1,000	5,705	6,705
	Subsidiary Undertaking Tannadice Catering Limited Listed Investments	Country of incorporation Scotland	Proport ordinary s		Nature of business Non trading
	Aggregate market value £12,732				
12.	STOCK			2003 £	2002 £
	Goods for resale			75,606	130,018
13.	DEBTORS				
				2003 £	2002 £
	Trade debtors Other debtors			366,273	19,117 25,285
	Prepayments and accrued income			83,810	286,523
				450,083	330,925
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 June 2003

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2003	2002
	£	£
Bank overdraft (note 15) 4,17	7,458	3,883,419
Hire purchase creditor	-	15,228
Other loans	-	25,327
Trade creditors 42	29,002	223,939
Amounts owed to subsidiary	-	1,000
Other taxes and social security 54	4,128	198,964
Other creditors	2,868	7,500
Accruals and deferred income 88	3,301	468,412
6,03	6,757	4,823,789

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2003 £	2002 £
Bank loan Hire purchase creditor Accruals and deferred income (note 16)	2,000,000 - 2,271,772	936 2,318,133
	4,271,772	2,319,069

The bank loan and overdraft are secured by a bond and floating charge over the assets of the company. The loan bears interest at 1.75% above the bank's base rate. The bank loan is subject to a moratorium on capital payments until notified otherwise by the bank.

Subsequent to 30 June 2003 a personal guarantee up to a maximum of £200,000 has been provided in connection with the bank borrowings by Mr E H Thompson, a director and the majority shareholder.

16. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME

13,004 ordinary shares of 10p each

17.

		£
Football grounds improvement grants At 1 July 2002 Released to profit and loss account		2,318,133 (46,361)
At 30 June 2003		2,271,772
CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
	2003	2002
	£	£
Authorised		
25,000 ordinary shares of 10p each	2,500	2,500
Called up, allotted and fully paid		

1,301

1,301

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Year ended 30 June 2003

18. RECON	NCILIATION O	F MOVEMENTS	IN SHAREHOLDERS	(DEFICIT)/FUNDS
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	2003 £	2002 £
Loss for the year Opening shareholders' funds	(2,876,434) 1,085,383	(2,309,614) 3,394,997
Closing shareholder's (deficit)/funds	(1,791,051)	1,085,383

19. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2003	2002
	£	£
Operating loss	(2,668,145)	(2,449,634)
Depreciation	242,242	235,099
Amortisation of intangible assets	117,089	757,940
Impairment of investment	1,000	-
Loss/(gain) on sale of fixed assets	4,080	(8,083)
Release of grant income	(46,361)	(47,308)
Decrease / (increase) in stocks	54,412	(43,363)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(119,158)	25,699
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	701,170	(7,782)
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(1,713,671)	(1,537,432)
Impairment of investment Loss/(gain) on sale of fixed assets Release of grant income Decrease / (increase) in stocks (Increase) / decrease in debtors Increase / (decrease) in creditors	4,080 (46,361) 54,412 (119,158) 701,170	(47,30 (43,36 25,69 (7,78

20. GROSS CASH FLOWS

i) Returns on investments and servicing of finance

	2003 £	2002 £
Interest received	1,039	11
Interest paid	(282,667)	(176,414)
Interest element of finance lease and hire purchase contract payments	$\frac{(1,661)}{}$	(1,332)
	(283,289)	(177,735)

ii) Capital expenditure and financial investment

	2003 £	2002 £
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(42,834)	(70,359)
Payments to acquire football registrations	(378,084)	(83,497)
Payments to acquire investments	(953)	-
Receipts from sale of tangible fixed assets	58,761	171,780
Receipts from sale of players registrations	100,000	510,000
	(263,110)	527,924

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 June 2003

20. GROSS CASH FLOWS (continued)

iii) Financing

	2003 £	2002 £
Loans advanced	2,000,000	-
Capital elements of finance lease payments	(16,614)	(14,291)
Loans repaid	(25,327)	(39,996)
	1,958,059	(54,287)

21. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT

	2003 £	2002 £
Decrease in cash in the year Cash (inflow) / outflow from increase in debt	(301,561) (1,958,509)	(1,241,530) 54,287
Change in net debt resulting from cash flow New hire purchase contracts	(2,260,070)	(1,187,243) (22,455)
Movement in debt in the year	(2,260,070)	(1,209,698)
Net debt at 1 July	(3,914,954)	(2,705,256)
Net debt at 30 June	(6,175,024)	(3,914,954)

22. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 July 2002 £	Cashflow £	Other non-cash movements £	At 30 June 2003 £
Cash at bank and in hand	9,956	(7,522)		2,434
Bank overdraft	(3,883,419)	(294,039)		(4,177,458)
		(301,561)		
Debt due within year	(25,327)	25,327	~	-
Debt due after one year	-	(2,000,000)	~	(2,000,000)
Finance leases				
Due within one year	(15,228)	15,228	-	_
Due after one year	(936)	936	-	-
		(1,958,509)		
	(3,914,954)	(2,260,070)	<u>-</u>	(6,175,024)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 June 2003

23. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On 26 March 2004, the company completed a rights issue with the issuance of a further 9,945 ordinary shares of 10p each raising £328,185. On completion of the rights issue the shareholdings of the directors are noted as being:

	Ordinary shares of 10p each		
	Post Issue	Before Issue	
Edward H Thompson	13,005	6,503	
John M Bennett	110	5	
James D S Carnegie	244	124	
Gilbert B Haggart	10	5	
Derek W Robertson	10	5	
Stephen E Thompson	10	5	
Michael G Watson	-	-	

24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

JDS Carnegie is a director of Dand Carnegie Kirk Consulting Limited a firm providing accounting and taxation services to the company. In 2003 the fees charged to Dundee United Football Company Limited amounted to £29,370 (2002: £18,583), and sales of £2,251 (2002: £nil) were made by the company. At the year end £7,193 (2002: £nil) was due to Dand Carnegie Kirk Consulting Limited.

The company also traded with Morning Noon & Night Limited, a company in which Edward H Thompson and Stephen E Thompson are directors and shareholders. Sales of £7,136 were made to Morning Noon & Night Limited in the year.

25. RESTATEMENT OF COMPARATIVE FIGURES

The directors believe it more appropriate for players termination costs and the amortisation of players registration to be included within costs of sales and not administrative expenses. As a result the profit and loss account has been restated for 2002.

26. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 30 June 2003 the company had contingent liabilities in respect of signing and other bonuses under the terms of contracts amounting to £196,500 (2002: £701,000). The company also has liabilities under certain players contracts to pay percentages ranging from 5% to 20% on any future gain made on the subsequent transfers of these players' registrations.