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AARON DORAN TALKS HITTING 200 AND HIS NEW ROLE

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& YOUTH TEAM SUCCESS IN DUBLIN.





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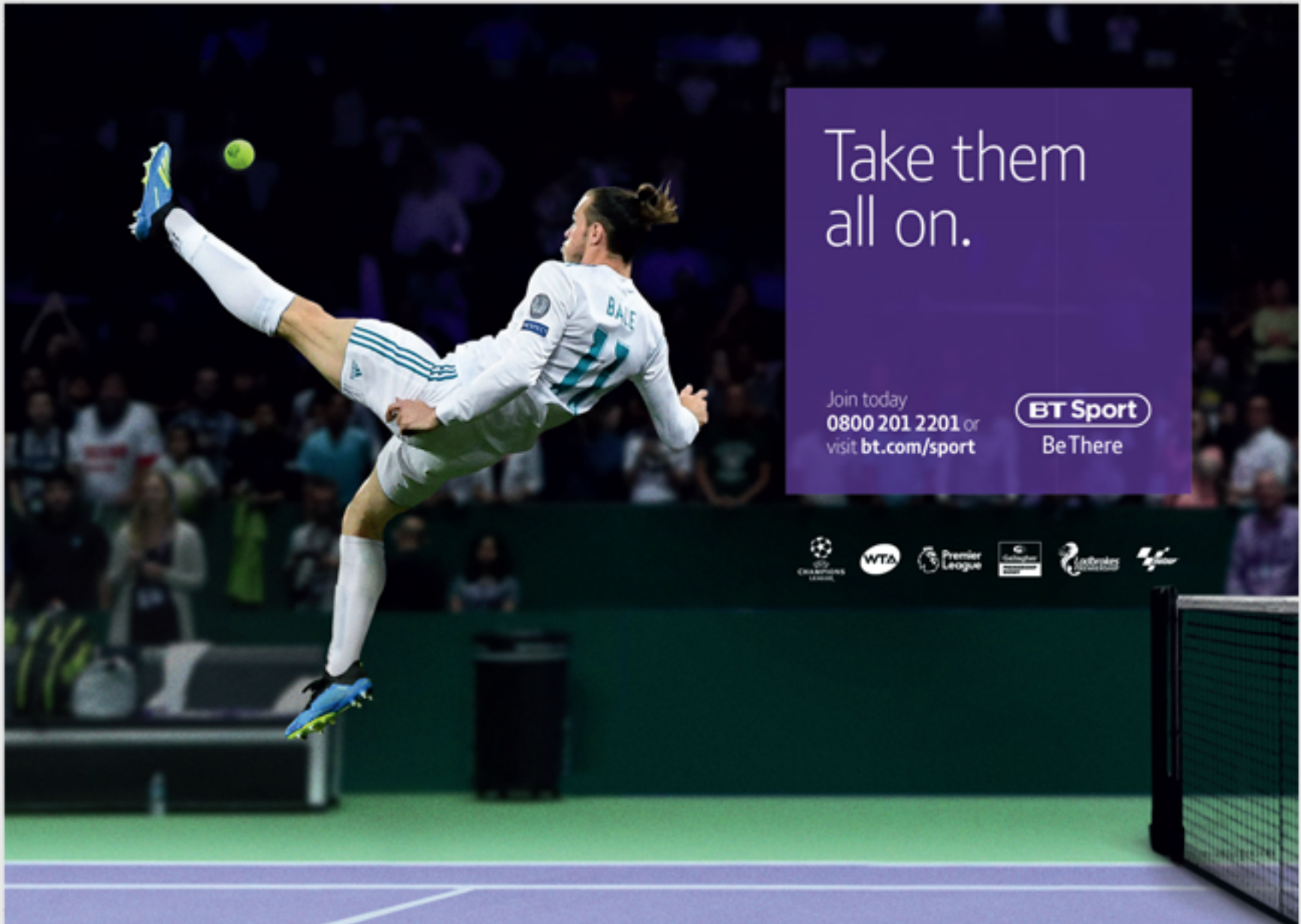
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# MANAGER PREVIEW

## WITH JOHN ROBERTSON

Good afternoon and welcome to our Ladbrokes Championship match against Ayr Utd.

I would like to welcome Ian McCall, his players, staff and supporters to the Caledonian Stadium for what promises to be a very exciting match. Both Ayr and Dunfermline have been the standout Championship teams this season, so far, winning all four group games in the Betfred Cup and both winning their first league matches, this has seen a great start to the new season enjoyed by both.

Whilst, Ayr have been free scoring, and the front two of Moffat and Shankland have been deservedly lauded for their scoring exploits, it should not be underestimated how well the whole of the team have been performing with the two back to back wins over Partick Thistle being achieved with two clean sheets as well as the team scoring twice.

They have a very good mix of players, a strong back four and the experience of Kerr and Murdoch to guide them, as well as the creative talent of Forrest and McDaid. Crawford provides the ammunition for a very bright and dangerous front two, so we are under no illusions to the task we face today.





Whilst our opponents are playing well, we too have been in good form and only a five minute spell at Tynecastle has let us down over the last five matches. We had a talk last week about how well we had finished last season and started the new one, with our defeat at Tynecastle the only one in our last 17 games.

The response was terrific as we controlled the entire first half at Falkirk and started the second well before Falkirk went route one and threw a lot of long balls and long throws to our box but our defenders, midfield players and Mark Ridgers dealt with that style very well. Mark did not have to pull off any saves in the entire match.

We also contrived to create but miss three wonderful chances in the second half, thankfully we left the Falkirk Stadium with three well deserved points. We must ensure we continue to play to our strengths, be positive and creative on the ball, and work hard to get it back when out of possession. With the way both teams set up, this should be an absolute cracker of a game and sure to be enjoyed.

Once more, I ask you to get right behind the team and continue with your loyal and much appreciated support.

***John***

# CAPTAIN CARL

## TREMARCO'S MATCH PREVIEW

Welcome to this afternoon's match against Ayr Utd, hope you're all well.

It was pleasing to get off the mark so soon against Falkirk last weekend, I thought we played really well and the real pleasing thing about it is that there is more to come.

We weren't at our full potential, and you probably shouldn't be this early in the season, but it was really encouraging to have a performance like that on the opening day of the season, especially on the back of a heavy loss against Hearts.

Our opponents this afternoon, Ayr Utd, are scoring goals for fun and we won't take them lightly. They're full of confidence after beating Partick Thistle last weekend. They've had a tough start playing Partick and now coming away to Inverness but, they'll be just like us, full of confidence and I'm sure they'll come up here and think they can cause an upset. We just need to be on our game today.

We need to turn the Tulloch Caledonian Stadium into a fortress, everyone knows that people don't like coming up here. One of the advantages of being up here is the travelling the opposition has to do to come here, it's a long day for teams and we need to make this place a hard place to play for them.

Enjoy the game

**Carl Tremarco**





# COMMUNITY NEWS

Our Weekly Courses are designed for young footballers of all abilities between the ages of 3 and 14. We aim to provide quality football coaching with an emphasis on safety and fun. ICTFC have a variety of types of weekly courses taking place at various venues within the Inverness area. These include:

**ICTFC Soccer Schools:** These sessions provide the young players with an opportunity to learn from the club's coaches on a weekly basis. With a primary focus on developing techniques, the players undertake a structured coaching programme.

**Nessie's Soccer Stars:** An introduction for 3-5 year olds into football, developing skills such as kicking, dribbling and catching, as well as movement skills and improving co-ordination.

**ICTFC 4v4 Centre:** Is our after school programme. This has a primary focus on developing young players through the use of small sided games.





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The courses restart on the week beginning 27th August at Hilton Primary, Milton of Leys Primary, Smithton Primary, St Josephs & Bishop Edens and can be booked online at

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# MATCH REPORT

04.08.18, FALKIRK STADIUM, FALKIRK  
LADBROKES CHAMPIONSHIP

**FALKIRK 0**  
**INVERNESS CT 1**



OAKLEY BATTLES FALKIRK'S SCOTT HARRISON

George Oakley started Caley Thistle season off perfectly as his 9th minute strike was enough to seal all three points against Paul Hartley's new look Falkirk side.

Caley Thistle took the lead early on as Tom Walsh found Oakley free in the box and he finished low past Falkirk goalkeeper Leo Fasan.

Oakley then saw a header go just wide off the post after he found in the box by Tom Walsh again.

In the second-half, Nathan Austin had a big chance to double Caley Thistle's advantage as he was clean through on goal however Fasan was equal to it and kept his side in the match.

Falkirk thought they had levelled the game after 60 minutes as Irving's free-kick was headed in by Dallison but referee Steven McLean ruled it out for a foul.

Shaun Rooney went close to scoring his first goal for the Caley Jags as his header went narrowly wide from a Joe Chalmers corner.

Liam Polworth could have sealed the game late on but his shot was wide after being set up by, new signing, Sean Welsh.

The Caley Jags held on for their first opening day League win since the 2014/15 season.



# AARON DORAN

## TALKS VICE CAPTAINCY AND REACHING 200

Despite only being 27-years-old, Aaron Doran is one of the most experienced players in the Caley Thistle squad. Doran could reach a landmark today that only 15 other players have reached, by making his 200th Caley Thistle appearance.

Doran could join the company of Charlie Christie, Richard Hastings, Mike Teasdale, Ross Tokley, Bobby Mann, Barry Wilson, Stuart Golabek, Roy McBain, Dennis Wyness, Russell Duncan, Mark Brown, Grant Munro, Richie Foran, Ross Draper and Gary Warren in reaching the milestone.

The Irishman said about potentially reaching the feat: "I think it would have come a lot sooner if I didn't get the injuries I've got in the last few seasons. However, 200 appearances for the club is great honour and hopefully I get it this weekend."

"I just want to play as many games as I can for this club now I'm over my injuries, I just want to get out onto the pitch and improve, get better and help the team as much as I can. It's a great honour."

Doran has come a long since arriving as a young player from Blackburn Rovers in 2011, he has now been given the responsibility of being the vice-captain of the club and he is enjoying the role.

Doran said "Yeah, it's brilliant. It's an honour to be asked to be vice-captain and it's good to be understudy to Carlo, he's a good lad and one to learn from for all the lads."

"We have a pretty young squad so I'm just going to try and pass on some experience,



van Fraser 12.



I've been here a good few years now so if there's anything I can do to help lads then I will do it! I try and speak more and as I said there's some good young players here, so I want to help them develop their game and develop my own game as well. It's been a really good start as vice-captain."

Caley Thistle won their opening match against Falkirk last Saturday, and despite not being involved Doran was pleased with the performance as he said: "It's a lot a better a start that we had last season where it took us a lot of games to get going. To come away with a win against Falkirk, away from home, is a great start for the lads and I think we can only build on that."

"The Hearts game, the week before was a difficult one, we lost three goals in a five-minute spell. We didn't think the performance was too bad overall, but we just continued from where we left off in our pre-season games. The result against Falkirk was a good one for the lads, it was a great defensive display and it was good to get a win on the first day of the season."

After a poor start last term, Doran is hoping the Caley Jags begin this season in a better fashion: "You can see the way we ended last season, we went on a very good run not losing many games at all and we just wanted to continue that momentum. As we know, we didn't have the best of starts last season but if we can build on that, play the way we can play, then we'll be in the running at the end of the season hopefully."

Ayr Utd have started the new season on fire, as they've won their opening five matches. Doran knows the threat that they will bring to the Caledonian Stadium today, but he wants to see the Caledonian Stadium become a fortress.

Doran said: "We've watched some clips of Ayr, they've scored a lot of goals in pre-season and the Betfred Cup. They've won all five of their games this season, so we know what they are going to be all about, they are going to be dangerous."

"Their strikers are on good form and scoring a lot of goals, but we don't really look too much into that, we know we are a good team with good players and we're just trying to keep doing what we are doing.

We're at home and we want to make our home ground a bit of a fortress, we want teams to be scared to come play us, so we just want another good home win and take it from there."

Doran was also delighted to see Ryan Esson awarded a testimonial match, after 10 years of service at the club, and Doran knows Esson is one of the hardest working people at the club but thinks he's crazy too!

Doran said: "It's brilliant, Ryan is a top man, I think he's taken charge of the younger lads and taken charge of the goalkeepers every day, so he puts a lot of work in."

"He's a bit crazy, he made me feel welcome when I first arrived, he's always very loud in the dressing room. It's well deserved, he's won three trophies here, he's played a lot of the biggest games that the club has been involved in, so he's deserves everything he's got from the club and I can't speak highly enough of him."

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MANAGER  
**IAN  
MCCALL**

## PAST RESULTS

**W** 1-0  
AWAY, 24.08.11  
LEAGUE CUP

**W** 7-0  
AWAY, 24.04.10  
LEAGUE

**D** 3-3  
HOME, 27.02.10  
LEAGUE

# AYR UNITED

## THE OPPONENT



Ayr Utd have been the early surprise package of the 2018/19 season as they started the season well, beating Partick Thistle to top spot in the Betfred Cup Group stages and they also beat Thistle on the opening day of the Ladbrokes Championship. Ayr have hit 14 goals already in their 5 matches so far this season.

Ayr won the League One title last season as they bounced back from relegation at the first time of asking, Ian McCall's side hit 92 goals in the league last term, which was the most for a side in the SPFL last season.

Ayr front man Lawrence Shankland has been in sensational form and is one of the hottest properties in Scottish football with United confirming that they had rejected a six-figure bid for his services. It's easy to see why Shankland has been subject to interest from big clubs as he's hit 9 goals in 5 matches already this season, with follows on from an impressive campaign last season.



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# OTHER RESULTS



## U18s:

### *Ross County 1-2 Inverness CT*

Inverness Caledonian Thistle U18's started their season off with a win against Ross County thanks to goals from Jack Brown and, 15-year-old, Shane Harkness, who scored the winner late on to start their season with success in the Highland Derby.

We are delighted to be celebrating their success in the hospitality lounge at today's game.

## **North of Scotland Cup:**

### *Fort William 0 - 16 Inverness CT*

The Caley Jags will face Lossiemouth in the quarter-finals of the North of Scotland Cup after winning 16-0 against Fort William in a club record win.

Barry Wilson took charge of the Caley Jags at Claggan Park and fielded a strong side with Jamie McCart, George Oakley, Riccardo Calder and Charlie Trafford all in action, along with the ICTFC U18 squad.

Hat-tricks from Dan Mackay and George Oakley, braces from Roddy Kennedy, Zak Elbouzedi and Roddy Kennedy and goals from Riccardo Calder, Donald Morrison, Jack Brown, Ross Gunn, Aiden Wilson and Charlie Trafford was the spread of the scoring for the Caley Jags.



# THE DUBLIN CUP

Last Thursday the ICTFC U14's and U15's travelled to compete in Ireland's biggest youth pre-season tournament, The Dublin Cup, led by youth coach, Fiona McWilliams.

Into it's 16th edition, the tournament was played over 3 days, starting on the Friday and ending Sunday at the AUL Complex in Clonshaugh, Co. Dublin.



The U14's took the Dublin Cup home as they won their age group, clinching the trophy with a 3-1 win on the Sunday to go undefeated. After winning their 3 group games and making the playoffs, our U15's were unlucky to lose their final on penalties after a 0-0 draw.

Both team's performances were praised in the Irish Herald Newspaper and a massive well done to each player in both teams for making such a big impression and especially to Fiona for leading a successful trip.





# THROWBACK

## CLINCHING IT IN STYLE

24.04.10, SCOTTISH FIRST DIV  
SOMERSET PARK, AYR

The last time Caley Thistle faced Ayr in a league match, something pretty special happened....

ICTFC has spend the majority of the 2009/10 chasing Dundee for the First Division title, the Dens Park side had opened up a 15 point lead at one stage of the season. However, Caley Thistle never stopped fighting and finished the season 12 points ahead of Dundee.

The title was sealed against Ayr Utd, in a remarkable game at Somerset Park. Caley Thistle raced into a 3-0 lead early through early strikes from Jonny Hayes, Adam Rooney and Richie Foran. Eric Odhiambo made it four before the break and goals in the second-half from Dani Sanchez, Robert Eagle and Gavin Morrison sealed the 7-0 win.

The post-match celebrations with, boss at the time, Terry Butcher will live in the memories of ICTFC fans forever.

**ICTFC XI that day:** Esson, Proctor, Munro, McBain (Bulvitis 26), Tokely, Hayes, Morrison, Duncan, Foran (Sanchez 64), Odhiambo (Eagle 71), Rooney.





# SQUADS

## MATCH OFFICIALS

ANDREW DALLAS, GRAEME STEWART, DAVID BURNS

## ICTFC

### JOHN ROBERTSON & SCOTT KELLACHER

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 MARK RIDGERS   | 15 SEAN WELSH         |
| 2 SHAUN ROONEY   | 16 RICCARDO CALDER    |
| 3 CARL TREMARCO  | 18 ZAK ELBOUZEDI      |
| 4 JOE CHALMERS   | 19 JORDAN WHITE       |
| 5 COLL DONALDSON | 22 BRAD MCKAY         |
| 6 JAMIE MCCART   | 24 CHARLIE TRAFFORD   |
| 7 LIAM POLWORTH  | 25 OWAIN FON WILLIAMS |
| 8 ANGUS BEITH    | 27 DANIEL MACKAY      |
| 9 NATHAN AUSTIN  | 31 CAMERON MACKAY     |
| 10 AARON DORAN   | 33 CAMERON HARPER     |
| 11 TOM WALSH     | 37 JACK BROWN         |
| 14 GEORGE OAKLEY | 42 DANIEL HOBAN       |

## AYR UNITED

### IAN MCCALL & NEIL SCALLY

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 ROSS DOOHAN     | 14 DAVID FERGUSON     |
| 2 CHRIS HIGGINS   | 15 STEVEN BELL        |
| 3 DANIEL HARVIE   | 16 JAMIE ADAMS        |
| 4 MARK KERR       | 17 LAWRENCE SHANKLAND |
| 5 MICHAEL ROSE    | 18 ANDY MURDOCH       |
| 6 ANDY GEGGAN     | 19 ELLIS HARE-REID    |
| 7 MICHAEL MOFFAT  | 20 JAMES HILTON       |
| 8 ROBBIE CRAWFORD | 21 FINN ECREPONT      |
| 9 CRAIG MOORE     | 22 NATHAN BAIRD       |
| 10 ALAN FORREST   | 23 ROSS DOCHERTY      |
| 11 DECLAN MCDAID  | 24 LEON MURPHY        |
| 12 CRAIG MCGUFFIE | 25 LUKE MCCOWAN       |
|                   | 26 STUART FAULDS      |

