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DONALD J. MACKENZIE

1928 - 2019

It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that I have to share with you the passing of a true Highland League hero, following a short illness.

Donnie "Ginger" Mackenzie joined Caledonian Football Club in 1946, playing firstly for Muirpark, and 2nd Caledonian, before making his Highland League debut for season 1947-48.

He was a member of the Caley side that went on to win the Scottish Qualifying Cup on three consecutive seasons between 1948-50. Further silverware would follow with two league titles (1950-51; 1951-52), two North of Scotland Cups (1950-51; 1951-52), one Highland League Cup (1952-53), One Inverness Charity Cup (1949-50), and was a Brinkman Cup Winner (1948-49).

In his nine seasons with the Blues, "Ginger" went on to score a remarkable 425 goals, and in doing so, made him the club's All-time record goal-scorer.

His remarkable goals tally was rewarded with numerous representative honours for the Highland League, Inverness FA and North of Scotland FA.

Regarded by many as one of the finest strikers to grace the Highland League, "Ginger" as he was affectionately known because of his flame red hair, was also being courted by Newcastle United, and went to St James Park on trial.

The former Caledonian FC striker celebrated his 91st Birthday on 1st March 2019, just 24 hours before his untimely death.

Donnie is survived by his son David, a former professional footballer, and his family who live in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Ian Davidson





MANAGER PREVIEW

WITH JOHN ROBERTSON

Good evening and welcome to this evening's Ladbrokes Championship match against Alloa Athletic at the Caledonian Stadium.

I would like to warmly welcome Jim Goodwin, his staff and players to Inverness this evening for another tough tie, with both teams looking for a vital three points.

The first encounter saw us create and miss an incredible amount of opportunities, with Alloa throwing in blocks and saves to stay in the game and then punish us with an equaliser in the closing minutes to grab an unlikely point.

The same cannot be said for the second match, where Alloa were the better side and had some good chances to get ahead with only a late couple of opportunities for us in the game. I felt we were fortunate to leave with a point.

We are under no illusions as to how tough tonight's game is going to be. We will have to maintain our current good form to make sure we continue to put pressure on the teams above us, as we move towards the crucial last phase of the season.

Alloa will want the points as badly, as we do. They were unlucky not to grab a point from Tannadice on Saturday and will want to get something from here tonight, so we must be ready right from the off this evening.

Friday saw us come back with a deserved 3 points from Firhill and put us back in to the play-off spots. We played some very good football in the first half without any real reward.

We scored a terrific goal from Aaron Doran - who retains his excellent current form - before losing a quick fire equaliser from a great Bannigan strike. Tom Walsh thumped his volley home to bring us ahead and indeed we had a couple of other opportunities to add to the scoreline.

Having won three in a row on the road, we now have a similar run of home games starting with Alloa tonight, then following up with Falkirk, and then the re-arranged Derby with County. This will be a testing time for all teams as they sprint towards the finishing line of May 4th.

Once more we ask for you to get right behind the team!

Enjoy the match,

Robbo



CAPTAIN CARL

TREMARCO'S MATCH PREVIEW

Good evening and welcome to today's Ladbrokes Championship match against Alloa Athletic, I hope you're all well.

Friday was a big result for us but there is no pointing going and winning in places like Firhill if you can't capitalise on it at home, no matter who the game is against.

We know what Alloa are about, but we need to keep playing the way we've been playing and hopefully we can win tonight. I don't think we can be complacent against anyone; look what Alloa did against Dundee United on Saturday. By all accounts, United just grinded it out in the end and they're above us in the table. We'd be foolish to take this game lightly, and we're in good form at the minute too, so hopefully we can get the win.

This is the first of three massive home games and hopefully come the end of the County game we are sitting pretty and where we want to be.

Enjoy the game,

Carl



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Let me begin by saying thank you for your loyal support.

There are many great things happening at Inverness Caledonian Thistle as we celebrate our 25th anniversary. We were delighted to host the IRN BRU Challenge Cup final and are pleased that the trophy has remained in the Highlands.

As the Championship season turns into the final quarter, we extend a warm welcome to the representatives of Alloa. We look forward to great football and a competitive match, fairly played and with no injuries. Every remaining match is important and what's required is that as steadfast supporters, we unite behind our manager and footballers, and demonstrate our collective commitment and patronage for this great Club.

As always, if you have any feedback on how we are doing or suggestions on how we can improve, please send them to me at graham.rae@ictfc.co.uk - I'd be pleased to hear from you.

Please join me in wishing our team the very best for today's match. Warm regards and thank you.

Graham Rae
Chairman

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MATCH REPORT

22.03.19, FIRHILL, GLASGOW
SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

PARTICK THISTLE 1
INVERNESS CT 2



POLWORTH HITS A SHOT BEYOND PARTICK'S MCMILLAN

A stunner from Tom Walsh secured all three points for the Caley Jags at Firhill on Friday night, after Aaron Doran had given the Caley Jags the lead earlier in the match.

John Robertson named an unchanged side from the one that beat Queen of the South at Palmerston 2-0 on 9th March.

Partick Thistle created the first chance of the match as Harkins teed up Scott McDonald, but his effort was held by Mark Ridgers.

On the 35th minute, Inverness produced a quick counter attack as Welsh set up Joe Chalmers but his effort was tipped over the bar.

Caley Thistle had a chance to take the lead just before the break as Sneddon produced a fine save to deny Jamie McCart's header.

On the 51st minute, Partick had the ball in the back of the net through Steven Saunders but his effort was tightly ruled offside.

On the 62nd minute Joe Chalmers saw his effort blocked and Partick Thistle broke through, substitute, Blair Spittal caused trouble as he played in Scott McDonald but the Australian's effort was blocked.

Caley Thistle took the lead on the 64th minute as Aaron Doran continued his run of goals. He slotted his chance past Sneddon after Jordan White produced a fine dummy to create space for the winger.

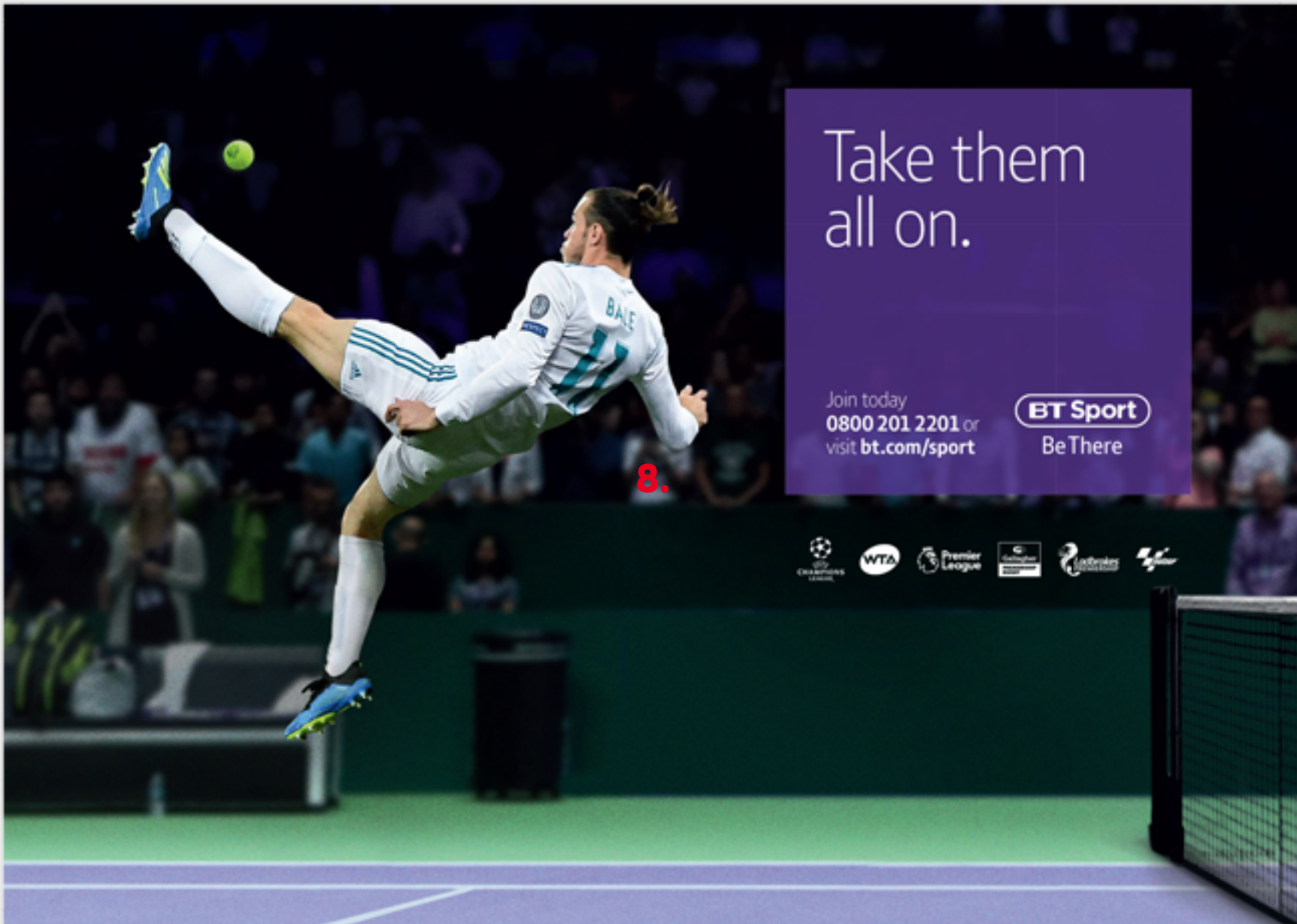
Partick didn't take long to hit back as Stuart Bannigan leveled the game up with a curling shot into the far corner on the edge of the box.

Tom Walsh marked his return with a goal after some superb link up play with Aaron Doran as the Irishman spiked the ball into Tom Walsh's path with his heel and Walsh hammered the ball past Sneddon on the volley.

Caley Thistle saw out the remaining minutes for a big three points which puts them in the playoff positions again.



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Caley Thistle fan Bob Fraser celebrated his retirement in Hospitality at our last home match against Morton on February 23rd. Bob was presented with a cake by club captain and Man of the Match, Carl Tremarco. Ryan Esson is sponsored by Bob's wife Kath Fraser and he joined their table in Hospitality after the game.



CHARLIE TRAFFORD

TALKS THE FIGHT FOR THE PLAY-OFFS



Charlie Trafford has had to bide his time in the squad this season, but his hard work has started to bare fruit as the Canadian midfielder has enjoyed an extended run in the side recently.

Trafford was delighted with Friday's win against Thistle, and he thinks it shows the recent difference in performances in the team. He said: "Yeah that is one of the big things, at the beginning of the season it may have gone 1-1 there and we would have ended the game in a draw, but we have that belief and confidence in the team [to win]."

He continued: "I don't think there was much doubt with the boys that we'd win that game, so I think that's the biggest thing right now. The boys have banded together and some of the key boys are stepping up right now and we're flying."

"It was a great game and a great feeling to get that result, there's just that belief there that we thought we'd get all three points."

Trafford knows that tonight's match is an important one, with the Caley Jags having the chance to go third in the table if they win all three points: "Tonight's game is massive. There are no easy games in this league and they are fighting in the relegation zone, so they're going to come out fighting like Partick did. Every game is vital - I wouldn't say that some games are easier, but we've got a run of home games and it's massive to keep the momentum going."

On Alloa he said: "Like I said, there are no easy games in this league, each game is tough and each side bring different threats. We're definitely not going into this one without full preparation or thinking we can be relaxed or comfortable. We're going into it with full expectations it's going to be a fight and that's what we're going to do."

Trafford knows the end of the season run is massive for the Caley Jags as he said: "The Club with cups has a funny history with the cups, in those pressure situations, In narrowing it down in the play-off we have kind of stuck it out."

"Getting important wins, a good run in the cup has given us a big boost like last year with the

IRN-BRU cup, which we went on to win. We also went on a run of wins after that. Aaron Doran and Jordan White are clicking right now, so things are kind of clicking into place at the right moment and we'll take it from there."

The ICT midfielder also knows there is still work to do if the Caley Jags are going to make the play-offs. He said: "You just keep looking step-by-step, I think we just have to look at the next one in front of us and keep going. There is still quite a lot of games and points still to be taken, it's a crazy league and you never quite know what's going to happen so we just focus on ourselves, keep it game-by-game and go from there."

Trafford continued: "Dunfermline have shot up the table from nowhere, so there is no time to relax, especially if we want to keep this form going into the Scottish Cup and the play-offs. It's more the belief than the relaxing, we're getting more confidence, we're looking up and trying not to look behind us and actually at who we're going to catch. I wouldn't say we're relaxed or comfortable but there's confidence in the group about getting to the play-offs."

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ALLOA ATHLETIC

THE OPPOSITION



Alloa head into tonight's game currently bottom of the Championship but the Wasps are just three points behind Partick Thistle and a win tonight could move them off the foot of the table.

The Wasps are undefeated against Caley Thistle this season, with the only two encounters between the sides being draws; it was 2-2 back in August, where a late Iain Flannigan penalty meant Alloa grabbed a draw.

Alloa ran Dundee United close on Saturday and United needed a late Nicky Clark goal to seal all three points for the promotion chasing side. Caley Thistle have the edge in the overall head-to-head with there being 14 wins for Caley Thistle between the sides, 12 draws and 5 wins for the Wasps.

Alan Trouten leads the goals for Alloa this season with 8, while Iain Flannigan has impressed throughout the season. Dario Zanatta has also chipped in with goals for the Wasps, notching four goals in the league. The young, on-loan Hearts man has enjoyed a fruitful season in the Championship so far, and can be a threat.



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Goals in the first-half from Aaron Doran and Brad Mckay was enough for all three points, as Caley Thistle beat Queen of the South 2-0 at Palmerston.

Caley Thistle took the lead after eight minutes as Aaron Doran is capitalised on a loose back pass by Jacobs, as the Irishman rounded Alan Martin to score his 9th goal of the season.

The home side looked for a response as Dykes saw his effort turned behind for a corner but Caley Thistle would double their lead on the 21st minute through Brad Mckay.

The centre-back make it 2-0 as he connected with Liam Polworth's corner at the back-post and his header went in via a deflection.

Jordan White had the ball in the back of the net just a few minutes later as he met Aaron Doran's head down lay off but the striker was penalised for a foul on the Queens centre-back.

White was given another opportunity after 35 minutes but Alan Martin kept it out. White also hit the bar before the break and the follow up was put wide by the Caley Thistle striker.

Mark Ridgers produced some fine saves in the second-half, including a stunning double save to deny Stephen Dobbie. Ridgers was also called into action to prevent Lyndon Dykes and saved well again.

Ridgers saved another effort from Dobbie as the Caley Jags number one was in fine form.

The result means ICTFC remain in 5th place but they are just one point behind Dunfermline with a game in hand and just fur behind Ayr, who sit third.

MATCH REPORT

09.03.19, PALMERSTON PARK, DUMFRIES
SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH 0
INVERNESS CT 2



AARON DORAN OPENS THE SCORING EARLY ON



ROONEY GETS A SHOT AWAY & WHITE CONGRATULATES MCKAY ON DOUBLING THE LEAD

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK



It was a real labour of love for MSP David Stewart when he visited ICT during Scottish Apprenticeship Week and met a great team of lads who are under the apprenticeship scheme at the football club.

Mr Stewart - along with his father, brothers and son - is a long-time supporter of ICT and on the day of his visit, everyone was certainly in good spirits after their 2-1 win over Dundee United; securing a Scottish Cup semi-final place.

“It is so good for the future of the club that we have such talented youngsters coming through – just look at the success of Ryan Christie,” said Mr Stewart, who represents the Highlands and Islands.

“Thanks to Barry Wilson, ICT head of professional development, for showing me around and to one of the organisers of the visit, Helena Bryce, skills investment adviser for Skills Development Scotland in Inverness – the body which supports and promotes the apprenticeship scheme.

“This year’s theme is 'Skills for the Future' and I wish all apprentices all the very best for the future. I’ll be watching their progress from the stands.”



MATCHDAY MASCOT

Young fan Liam Morrison, who was filmed celebrating Caley Thistle's penalty shootout win over Ross County, got the chance to meet his heroes in our last home game against Morton on 23rd February.

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| 3 CARL TREMARCO | 21 CAMERON MACKAY |
| 4 JOE CHALMERS | 22 BRAD MCKAY |
| 5 COLL DONALDSON | 23 DANIEL MACKAY |
| 6 JAMIE MCCART | 24 CHARLIE TRAFFORD |
| 7 LIAM POLWORTH | 25 OWAIN FON WILLIAMS |
| 8 DARREN MCCAULEY | 29 KEVIN MCHATTIE |
| 9 NATHAN AUSTIN | 35 RODDY MACGREGOR |
| 10 AARON DORAN | 37 JACK BROWN |
| 11 TOM WALSH | 40 CAMERON HARPER |
| 15 SEAN WELSH | |

ALLOA ATHLETIC

JIM GOODWIN & PADDY CONNOLLY

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| 5 ANDY GRAHAM | 17 REIS PEGGIE |
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