# EDITION OF SAT 6TH OCT VS GREENOCK MORTON



### MAN IN THE MIDDLE JOE CHALMERS ON OUR SEASON SO FAR

PLUS QotS REVIEW, NORTH OF SCOTLAND CUP FINAL, OCTOBER HOTSHOTS AND MACKAY'S HISTORY.

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## MANAGER PREVIEW WITH JOHN ROBERTSON

Good afternoon and welcome to today's Ladbrokes Championship fixture with Greenock Morton.

I would like to welcome Jonatan Johansson, Peter Houston and their players to the Caledonian Stadium, and of course, a special welcome to all the Ton fans who have travelled North today to support their team.

Last week saw us battle out a dour 0-0 draw against Queen of the South, where both teams struggled to break down each other's defence. Whilst the overhead conditions made things difficult for the players, neither side really did enough to warrant all three points.

It's disappointing to draw at home, we can look at the progress we have made in that exactly a year ago we were delighted with a draw against Queens. It gave us a first clean sheet at home, lifted us on to 4 points and gave us something to build on, after a very poor start to the season as we set about rebuilding the team after relegation.

On Saturday we trudged off disappointed, and as we said to the players, that is a marker as to what they have achieved in the year that now they are looking to win every game that we play in and are disappointed when we don't. We just didn't seem to have that spark in the final third that we have shown most of the season.

As I said after the game, we could have kept playing all weekend and neither side would have looked like scoring. Today we must find that sharpness and clinical aspect to our game as we play a Morton side who capitulated late on after a very even 70 minutes against Ayr last week.

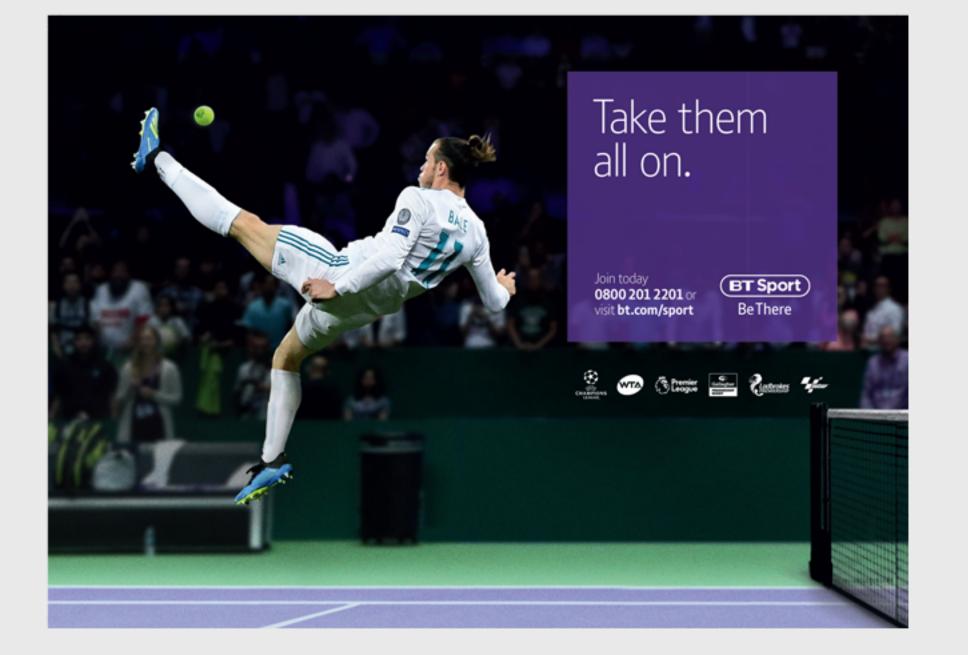
Jonathon will be determined to make sure his players are right up for this game and kick on after a very positive start to the season; we will need to be at our best to ensure that the points stay in the Highlands.

Last pre-match saw a presentation to Liam Polworth, Carl Tremarco and Aaron Doran for reaching their 150th and 200th appearance mark respectively. That is a tremendous achievement for all three players who have been brilliant servants to the club, it's even more impressive when the vast majority of these games have been played in the top flight.

Once more I ask you to get right behind the team again today as we look to keep our challenge at the top end of the table going.

Enjoy the game,

Robbo



# CAPTAIN CARL TREMARCO'S MATCH PREVIEW

Welcome to this afternoon's match against Morton, I hope you're all well.

Today's game will be a tough one, Morton got a hiding last week against Ayr Utd so no doubt they'll try and tighten things up today which is story of our season. If that's the way it's going to be then we need to overcome that, we need to break these doors down and play through sides that are going to sit in, that's if they do that but I'll be surprised if they don't.

Last week I felt it was the poorest we've played all season but last season we might have lost the game, so it shows we've turned a corner. We're still 18 matches unbeaten, don't get me wrong I'd like a couple of more wins than draws.

It all depends what Inverness turns up this afternoon if we're at the races and our front four are at it then we believe there is no team that can stop us, it's just getting it out of us.

Let's get behind the boys, enjoy the game!

**Carl Tremarco** 

# FROM THE CHAIRMAN

### Let me begin by saying thank you for your loyal support - it really does make a huge difference and everyone at the Club is most grateful.

Following our home draw against last Saturday, the first team have now gone 18 league matches without defeat – winning may not be everything but wanting to win certainly is! The start of the season has been positive for Inverness Caledonian Thistle, but it's a competitive league. There are many great things happening at Inverness Caledonian Thistle - both on and off the pitch. In order to keep our supporters up to date, we are convening a Fans Forum / Q&A session and more information on this will be available soon. What's important is that as steadfast supporters, we unite behind our manager and the footballers, and demonstrate our collective allegiance and patronage for this great Club.

We extend a warm welcome to the representatives of Greenock Morton FC. We look forward to great football and a competitive match, fairly played and with no injuries.

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 <u>graham.rae@ictfc.co.uk</u> - 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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# **JOE CHALMERS**

#### MIDFIELD MAINSTAY TALKS ABOUT THE SEASON SO FAR

Joe Chalmers started his Inverness career filling in at left-back for, at the time, injured Carl Tremarco and now he is a regular but he finds himself in midfield. Chalmers was a free agent last summer after being released by Motherwell, he had previously rose through the youth ranks at Celtic, from the age of 10 and all the way into their first team.

Chalmers is enjoying learning a new position which wasn't too familiar to him before he signed for the Caley Jags. The 24-year-old said: "I'm really enjoying my football up here, being in that midfield role for the first time in my career but I'm getting used to it now."

"The Gaffer likes me in midfield and I'm really enjoying my football and playing there. I think I still have more to come and I'm still working on it, there are things I need to get better at in being a midfielder. There is still plenty of things for me to learn but I'm working hard every day in training to try and get there, and I just work as hard as I can."

Chalmers has said one of things he is working on and practicing is free-kicks and set pieces. He said: "Taking set pieces is something that I enjoy doing and the Gaffer likes me being on them, it's just about practicing. It something that you have to practice, you can't just turn up and expect to do it."

"We do practice set pieces in training so it's just trying to get it right, of course there is





always going to be some bad ones but it's just about practicing as much as possible."

"Set Pieces are something that are very important for us though, as we have a big height advantage over some of the teams with some of the boys being very good at attacking the ball. So, the pressure is on me or whoever it is to put the right balls in as it's a good way for us to get some goals this season."

Chalmers had a brief loan spell at Falkirk while he played at Celtic with him working under current Livingston boss Gary Holt. This season, Livingston are among the top four in the Premiership after winning the play-off final against Partick Thistle last season.

Chalmers thinks Livingston are a source of inspiration as he said: "I loved my time at Falkirk when Gary Holt was the manager, he played some really good football too. He played me every week so I was grateful to him for giving me the experience when I was young and I'm delighted he is doing so well."

"I think Livingston are showing what can be done if you get on a roll, believe in what you are doing, stick to that and everyone gives one hundred percent. It just shows where it can take you."

Looking to today's game, Chalmers wants the Caley Jags to get back to winning ways at home after last week's goalless draw against Queen of the South. Chalmers said: "We were disappointed with our performance against Queen of the South, I don't think we really got going the whole game. We were pretty flat for some reason; Queen of the South were well organised and gave us a hard game, but we were disappointed. At the end of the day it's a clean sheet and another point so we can't be too down on ourselves." Chalmers is looking forward to this afternoon's match against Morton but expects a tough match against the Ton. He said: "We're looking forward to the game as we always do, Morton always gave us a tough game last season with all the games being pretty close. It's going to be pretty tight but we're looking forward to it and we know we need to try and improve our home form, we've had too many draws at home so hopefully we can start picking up the wins starting Saturday."

"We've come a long way since last season, we're sitting third in the table and unbeaten but we're still disappointed we've let some points slip, especially at home. We've have come a long way but overall it has been a good start, now we just need to keep the points ticking over and keep ourselves near the top of the table for the rest of the season."

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#### MANAGER JONATAN JOHANSSON

#### PAST RESULTS

₩ 3-0 AWAY, 28.04.18 LEAGUE

L 2-0 HOME, 24.02.18 LEAGUE

L 1-0 AWAY, 23.12.17 LEAGUE



It's already been an eventful season for Morton. They started the season with Ray McKinnon in charge but now have former-Rangers coach Jonatan Johansson in charge with the experienced Peter Houston as assistant manager. Johansson has two draws and one loss so far in his first three matches.

It was a summer of considerable change at the Ton after Jim Duffy's departure and they have brought in Charlie Telfer (Almere City), Denny Johnstone (Colchester Utd), Connor Bell (ICTFC), Chris Miller (St Johnstone), Ryan Scully (Partick Th), Rory McKeown (Warrington Town), Jim McAlister (Blackpool), Reghan Tumilty (Ross County), Gregor Buchanan (Livingston), Kyle Thomson (Loyota Ramblers), Kerr Waddell (Dundee), Scott Tiffoney (Livingston) and Ross MacLean (Motherwell).

Morton suffered a heavy 5-1 defeat to Ayr Utd in their last match at Cappielow, the players will be looking for a response today. Michael Tidser has hit three goals this season for the Ton and is their current top scorer. The club currently sit 6th, after taking 9 points from their opening 7 matches.



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# THROWBACK MACKAY MAKES HISTORY

#### ICTEC 3-0 PETERHEAD 07.10.17, IRN-BRU CUP, CALEDONIAN STADIUM, INVERNESS

Almost exactly one year to the day, Daniel Mackay became the youngest goalscorer in the history of Inverness Caledonian Thistle at 16 years and 171 days.

Mackay also became the youngest player to ever play for the club as he came off the bench for Ricky Calder against Peterhead in the IRN-BRU Cup. Mackay beat the previous record set by Liam Polworth, who made his debut at 16 years and 211 days.

In the tie, Liam Polworth had the Caley Jags ahead after just 2 minutes and Ricky Calder extended the lead just after the break with a cool finish.

Mackay's moment come late in the match as he nodded in from close range to become the club's youngest ever debut scorer, beating the previous record set by Wayne Addicoat at 17 years and 166 days.

Inverness would go onto win the IRN-BRU Cup with Mackay setting up the winner for Carl Tremarco in the final. He would make 10 appearances off the bench during the 2017/18 season and also scored against Falkirk at The Falkirk Stadium.



# MATCH REPORT

29.09.18, TULLOCH CALEDONIAN STADIUM INVERNESS, SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

#### INVERNESS CT 0 QUEEN OF THE SOUTH 0



Caley Thistle were held to their second 0-0 in a row, as they drew with Queen of the South at the Tulloch Caledonian Stadium.

Queens started brightly and had an early chance through Dykes, but his shot was straight at Mark Ridgers.

Doran then saw one chance go wide and another saved by Martin and put behind for a corner.

Shaun Rooney played a good ball into Tremarco at the back-post with ICT captain making slight contact but it was wide of the post.

Doran played through Tom Walsh in the box but he saw his effort blocked on its way to goal.

Stephen Dobbie was teed up by Gary Harkins from 30 yards and his effort came off the crossbar.

The draw puts ICTFC third in the table and only three points behind league leaders Ayr Utd.

**ICTFC**: Ridgers, Rooney, Mckay, Donaldson, Tremarco, Chalmers, Welsh, Polworth, Doran (Calder 76'), Walsh (Austin 63'), White (Mackay 81')

**QOTS**: Martin, Mercer, Doyle, Semple, Marshall, Stirling (Frizzell 77'), Jacobs, Todd, Harkins (Norman 77'), Dykes, Dobbie

### NORTH OF SCOTLAND CUP



#### Final

#### ICTFC VS Ross County 3pm, Sunday 7th Oct, Grant Street Park, Inverness

ICTFC face Ross County in the North of Scotland Cup Final at Grant Street tomorrow, with many of our U18s set to be involved in the game with some first-team players as well.

The team has scored 26 goals in the build up to the final with wins over Fort William (16-0), Lossiemouth (6-0) and Forres Mechanics (4-0).

The bulk of the goals scored in this tournament have been netted by the youngsters, in the semi-final against Forres, the goals came from Daniel Mackay (2), Jack Brown and Roddy Macgregor.

County Progressed to the final after beating Brora Rangers 2-1 in the other semi-final.

#### Tickets are available at the gate at Grant Street

Adults: £10 Concessions: £5

#### Inverness Caledonian Thistle Supports the Proud-Ness event taking place today

**Proud-Ness is a Pride event for the LGBT community and allies in, as well as visitors to, the Highlands. It is being organised by volunteers from the Highland LGBT Forum and is being funded by a grant from The National Lottery through Awards for All Scotland.** 

More information can be found at https://www.proud-ness.org/

The club is also delighted to announce that it is in the process of signing up to the Scottish LGBT Sports Charter.

The charter was developed in consultation with sports governing bodies (SGBs), other sports stakeholders and LGBT people.

The charter has five principles for those delivering sport in Scotland to sign up to.

**1. Take steps to actively involve LGBT people in sport and visibly support LGBT inclusion and equality.** 

2. Challenge homophobic and transphobic behaviour and ensure a positive and welcoming sporting environment for LGBT participants.

**3. Develop policies and practices that are inclusive, informed by a better understanding of the issues and barriers for LGBT people and by taking advantage of training.** 

4. Work to further include trans people in sport by understanding the differing needs for trans participants and begin to reduce the barriers which prevent trans people from taking part in sport in their acquired gender.

5. Strive to make continuous improvements to greater include LGBT people in Scottish sport.





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- Membership or presumed membership of a religious group or a social or cultural group with perceived religious affiliation.
- Sexual orientation
- Transgender Identity
- Disability
- Or against an individual who is perceived to be a part of such group
- Using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct
- Displaying or writing anything which is abusive or insulting
- Using words or conduct or displaying any writing or other thing which indicated the support or affiliation to, or the celebrating of, or opposition to an organisation or group proscribed in the terms of the terrorism act of 2000

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#### ICTFC

#### JOHN ROBERTSON & SCOTT KELLACHER

1 MARK RIDGERS 2 SHAUN ROONEY 3 CARL TREMARCO 4 JOE CHALMERS 5 COLL DONALDSON 6 JAMIE MCCART 7 LIAM POLWORTH 8 ANGUS BEITH 9 NATHAN AUSTIN 10 AARON DORAN 11 TOM WALSH

14 GEORGE OAKLEY

- 15 SEAN WELSH
- 16 RICCARDO CALDER
- 19 JORDAN WHITE
- 22 BRAD MCKAY
- 24 CHARLIE TRAFFORD
- 25 OWAIN FON WILLIAMS
- 27 DANIEL MACKAY
- 31 CAMERON MACKAY
- **33** CAMERON HARPER
- **37 JACK BROWN**
- 42 DANIEL HOBAN

### **GREENOCK MORTON**

#### JONATAN JOHANSSON & PETER HOUSTON

- 1 DEREK GASTON
- 2 LEE KILDAY
- 3 JACK IREDALE
- 4 GREGOR BUCHANAN 16 LEWIS STRAPP
- 5 KERR WADDELL
- 6 CHARLIE TELFER
- 7 CHRIS MILLAR
- 8 JIM MCALISTER
- 9 DENNY JOHNSTONE
- 10 ROBERT THOMSON 22 BEN ARMOUR
- 11 BOB MCHUGH

- 12 MICHAEL TIDSER
- 14 REGHAN TUMILTY
- 15 SCOTT THOMSON
- - 17 SCOTT TIFFONEY
  - 18 GARY OLIVER
    - 19 ROSS MACLEAN
  - 20 CONNOR BELL
  - 21 RUARIDH LANGAN
  - - 23 RYAN SCULLY
    - 25 RORY MCKEOWN