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MANAGER PREVIEW

WITH JOHN ROBERTSON

Good evening and welcome to tonight's Ladbrokes Championship match against Ross County.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Stuart, Steven and their squad of players, that see several well known faces, their board of directors and the large band of Staggies fans that have crossed the bridge to support their team.

On Saturday, the howling gale made it impossible to play any football in the first half but we said to the players to stick to their passing game and they did in the second half. It was much much better in the second-half, the players controlled the game and they were unlucky, we had a header, two decent shots and two incredible blocks from the Falkirk players and we had a late chance too.

We did enough to win the game, Falkirk nearly nicked it at the death and it was nearly a smash and grab but the fact they only registered one shot on target throughout the whole game, shows how much control we had especially in the second-half. We're no more pumped up than normal, it's a Derby and we'll be ready for it. Our intensity will be the same, the commitment levels will be the same as they always have been and always are. It's a vital game for both teams, we want to win it to strengthen our play-off ambitions and County want to win it to strengthen their title ambitions.

County have recently won a national trophy, I'm sure Steven and Ketts will be saying that they are still in a good position in the league, with them two points clear with two matches in hand.

The destiny of the title is in their hands and that's exactly what you want at this stage of the season. If I'm a Ross County player or fan then that's the position you want to be in. I don't see them coming here with their heads dropped as they're in the mix for a title. They have seven games to go and it's in their hands, they can lose their next two games and it is still in their hands.

Both Highland clubs had spent many years in the Premiership and both have been relegated in recent seasons due to footballing reasons. I always believe we need a Premiership club in the area. If it's not going to be us and County go up then that's fantastic for the area, obviously we want to be there too.

The good news is there is two slots available, one can go straight up and one can go up via the play-offs. In the past, that's not been the case. Ourselves, Ayr and a couple of other clubs could be sitting doing nothing in previous years. Whilst it's incredibly difficult, there's still a chance there and that's what we want to do. We want to get up via any route possible, we said that at the start of the season and Ross County will be the same.

They've already got a play-off spot, but they'll want to win the title. They are within touching distance of it and they'll see that as the quickest route of getting back up. For us, it would be via the play-offs and that's what we want to be involved in.

I am sure that once more you will roar the boys and encourage them to victory as bring down the curtain on the Highland derbies for this season

Enjoy the game

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CAPTAIN CARL

TREMARCO'S MATCH PREVIEW

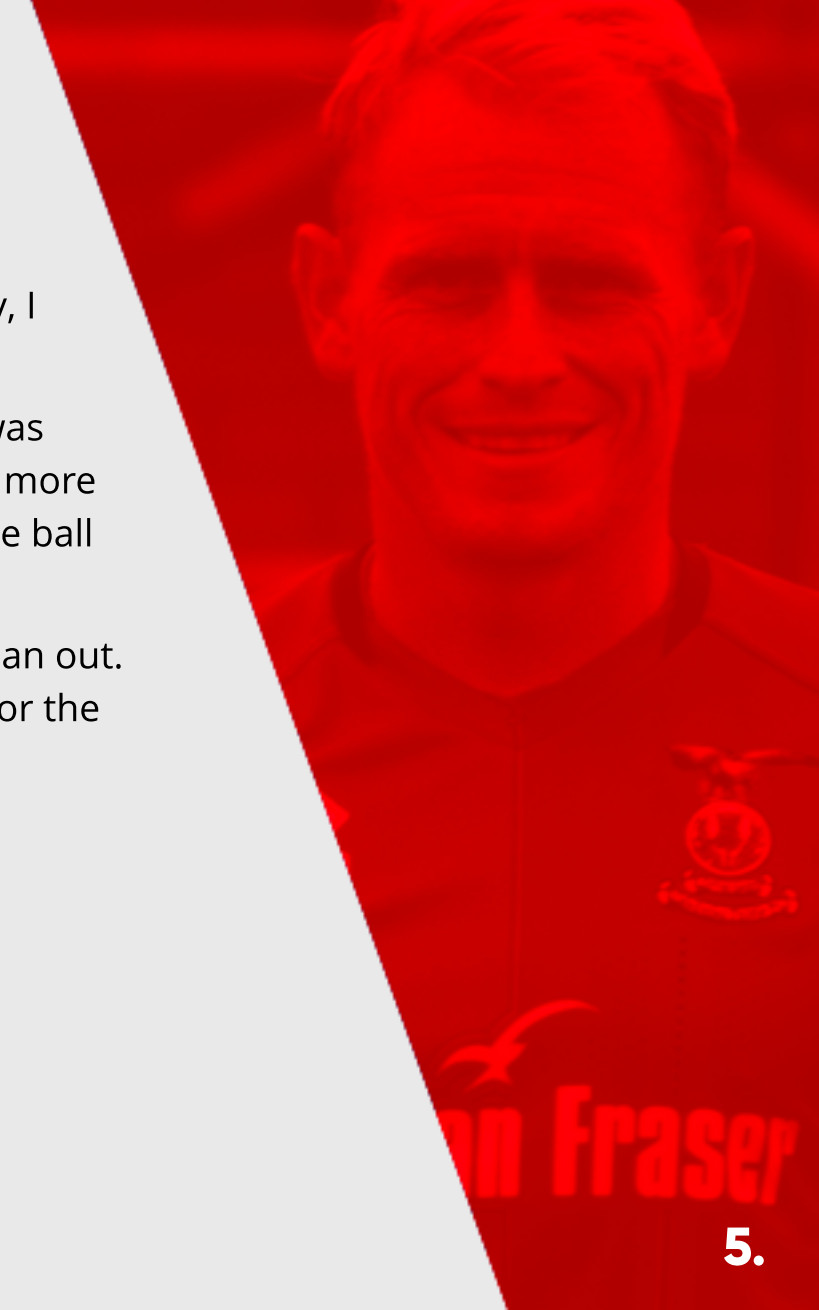
Good evening and welcome to tonight's Highland Derby match against Ross County, I hope you're well.

I don't think football was the winner on Saturday against Falkirk, that's for sure. It was disappointing that we couldn't get the win. We could have maybe tried to play a bit more football but I thought Falkirk didn't look to play at all. Saying that, we had a lot of the ball and maybe on another day we could've nicked it.

It's potentially the last Highland Derby of the season, we'll have to see how things pan out. All the Derbies this season have been contested very well and it has been exciting for the fans but I'd be happy with a win this evening.

Enjoy the game,

Carl Tremarco



an Fraser

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I am delighted to welcome the Directors, Players and Supporters of Ross County Football Club to Inverness. For sure, the Championship is a very competitive league.

Winning may not be everything but wanting to win certainly is! This is a great Club with passionate supporters located across Scotland and beyond. In its comparatively short 25 year history, ICTFC has achieved much to be proud of. Everyone likes to watch great football and our team continues to do well on and off the park – the most certain way to remain competitive is to be creative, work hard and never give up.

There is much to play for, and getting good results and winning games becomes a habit. This in turn creates momentum and builds confidence. There are six regular league games remaining and our Scottish Cup run. Everyone at the Club is committed to give of their best. Let's stand together, make some noise and really get behind our team and the manager and coaching staff. Here's to a competitive game of football and 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 graham.rae@ictfc.co.uk - I'd be pleased to hear from you.

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

Graham Rae

Chairman

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MATCH REPORT

30.03.19, CALEDONIAN STADIUM,
SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

INVERNESS CT 0
FALKIRK 0



MCHATTIE BATTLES WITH FALKIRK'S PAUL PATON

The wind played its part as Caley Thistle drew 0-0 with Falkirk at the Caledonian Stadium.

Joe Chalmers dragged a shot wide of the post after 9 minutes played in the only real clear cut chance of the first-half.

Charlie Trafford was on the receiving end of a bad tackle from Paul Paton but the Caley Jags midfielder was able to continue.

Davis Keillor-Dunn was close to getting on the end of a cross from Jordan McGhee but Mark Ridgers was able to cut it out.

In the second-half, Joe Chalmers saw his effort from around 25 yards go wide while Davis Kellior-Dunn saw his effort deflected behind for a corner.

Aaron Doran tested Burgoyne but his effort was collected by the Falkirk keeper after 56 minutes.

Doran again tested Burgoyne after 58 minutes as the inform Irishman was clipped in by Joe Chalmers but his effort was saved.

Tom Walsh was introduced by John Robertson after 64 minutes as he replaced Joe Chalmers.

Kevin McHattie went close as his volley from range was just wide of the post.

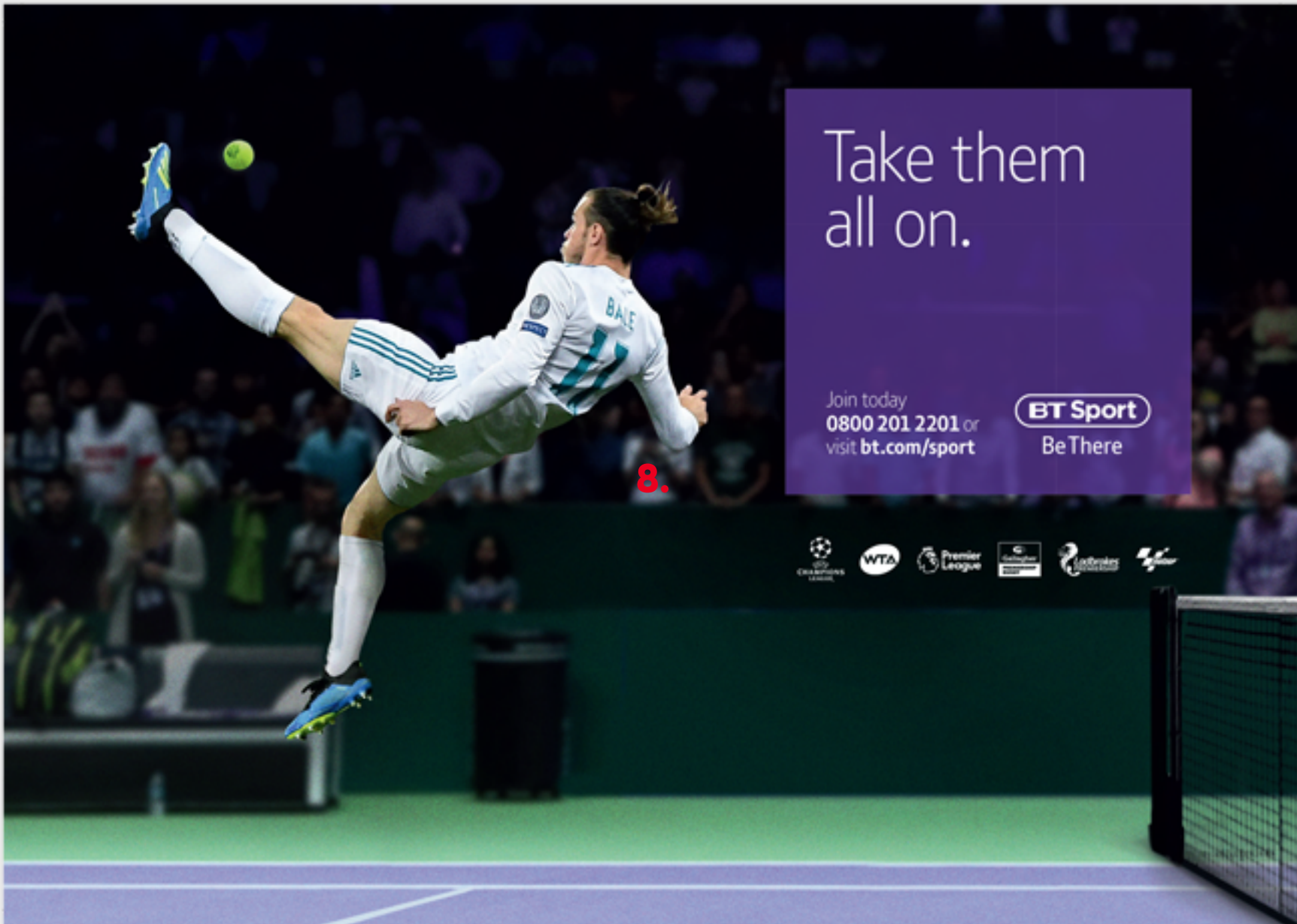
Jordan White then saw his header go just wide after 77 minutes as he met Brad Mckay's cross.

The biggest chance of the match came with ten minutes to go, as Aaron Doran was played in on the left-hand side and his shot was cleared off the line by McGhee and the follow up by Liam Polworth was blocked and behind for a corner.

The result puts Inverness 6 points clear of Dunfermline, going into tonight's Highland Derby.



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A photograph of two football players in blue and red kits celebrating. The player in the foreground, Coll Donaldson, has his mouth wide open in a shout. A teammate is behind him, smiling and with his arm around Donaldson's shoulder. The background is dark and out of focus.

COLL DONALDSON

TALKS TONIGHTS BIG DERBY



The last Highland Derby brought the emotion and passion out of Coll Donaldson for everyone to see after Nathan Austin slotted in the winning penalty.

Donaldson was filmed celebrating with a young Caley Thistle fan and the video got an amazing response online. Coll admitted the emotions may have got the better of him but it was good to get a victory in the derby.

He said: "The Derbies have all been really tough games this year but good occasions to play so we're all looking forward to it."

He continued: "I think we just had that mental barrier with County this season, we sort of felt it got to the point where no matter how well we played against County we weren't going to get a result. So, to win the way we did, especially on penalties, I think the emotions got the better of me. It was a great feeling and we've capitalised on it, beating United in the next round and now we've all got a semi-final to look forward to."

The Caley Jags have been largely praised for their performances in the Highland Derbies so far this season but Donaldson said the team are trying to up their levels in all matches this season.

He said: "Some people may look at it as being a good thing but we've been trying to address it so we have that type of performance against every team in the league. I think this season we've been able to get up for the big one off games, you see that with the cup run and the games against the bigger sides in the league. We seem to do well against them, I don't think we've been at our best in the couple of cup games but hopefully we can be at our best tonight."

Caley Thistle face Hearts in the Scottish Cup semi-final at Hampden, Donaldson is suspended for the tie after picking up a booking against Dundee United in the last round.

On the semi-final, Coll said: "Obviously I'm suspended for it, I'm glad and thankful that I've played in one before so it is not as bad a feeling, hopefully we be on the right side of the result this time. All the pressure is on Hearts, we go there and the boys can do what they've done all season and

hopefully we'll have a final to look forward to."

Coll is frustrated with the booking for dissent but had revealed his Mum, Dad and Girlfriend all had the same message for him.

He sad: "Especially for dissent, but the first thing my mum, my dad and my girlfriend said to me after the game was when will you learn to keep your mouth shut! That's probably on me but it's not about me it's about the eleven boys that'll play, the three subs and the whole matchday squad. The staff have been brilliant so far this year to get us to where we are."

"I think the priority for us has to be the league, we can't let the cup get in the way and hopefully we can pick up good results in the league before the semi-final against Hearts."

Donaldson knows the Caley Jags can't be distracted by the semi-final with such big league matches upcoming as the defender said: "I think Dunfermline have made our jobs harder with their run of form and there's other teams just looking to push up from behind us."

"I think finishing in the play-offs has got to be the minimum we achieve this year, getting to the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup is a good thing but the priority has got to be the league."

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SPOTLIGHT

MANAGER
**STEVEN FERGUSON &
STUART KETTLEWELL**

PAST RESULTS

D 2-2 (WIN 5-4 PENS)
HOME, 19.02.19
SCOTTISH CUP

D 2-2
AWAY, 11.02.19
SCOTTISH CUP

L 2-1
AWAY, 29.12.18
LEAGUE

ROSS COUNTY
THE OPPOSITION



Ross County come into tonight's game top of the Ladbrokes Championship. Stuart Kettlewell and Steven Ferguson's side come into this one after a defeat against Alloa, but County recently won the IRN-BRU Cup at the Caledonian Stadium.

Billy Mckay was named the Ladbrokes Championship player of the month for February but he was also recently ruled out for the rest of the campaign with a broken arm which he picked up against Ayr United.

The Highland Derbies have been tight between the sides this season, County have won one, there's been three draws and ICTFC won the most recent cup tie between the sides on penalty kicks.

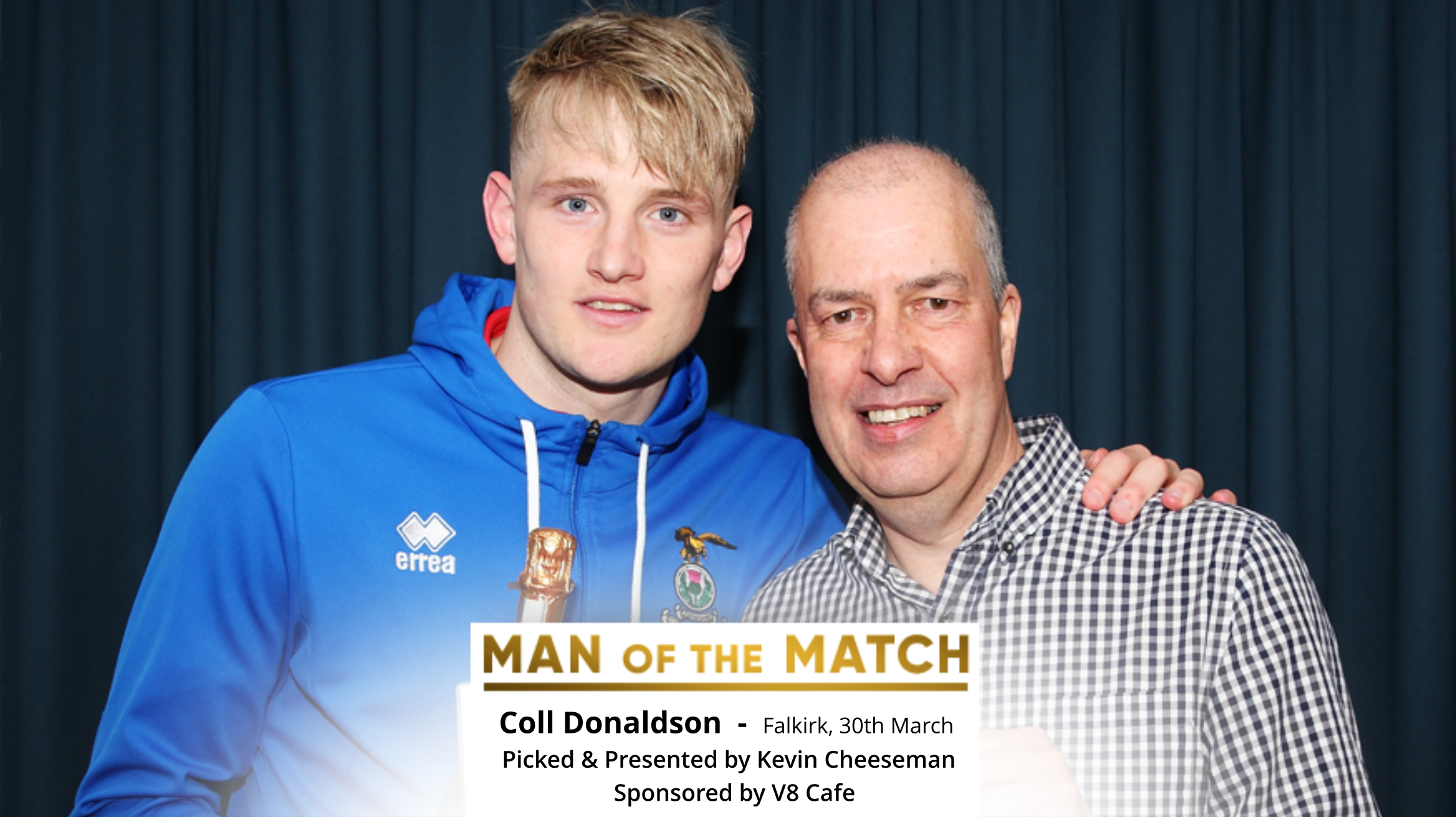
Josh Mullin has been a standout for County this season, alongside the likes of Michael Gardyne and Jamie Lindsay.



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MAN OF THE MATCH

Coll Donaldson - Falkirk, 30th March
Picked & Presented by Kevin Cheeseman
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MATCHDAY MASCOT

Sarah Morrison (right) got to meet some of her favourites and join the squad on the park at the weekend, when we hosted Falkirk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



ICTFC fan Kiesha Moodie celebrated her 10th birthday in Hospitality on Saturday as we drew 0-0 with Falkirk.

Kiesha was joined by her favorite players Charlie Trafford and Brad McKay as they wished her a happy birthday after the game.

Kiesha had her own ICTFC themed Birthday cake too!

ICTFC CODE OF CONDUCT

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ICTFC

JOHN ROBERTSON & SCOTT KELLACHER

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| 1 MARK RIDGERS | 17 ANTHONY MCDONALD |
| 2 SHAUN ROONEY | 19 JORDAN WHITE |
| 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 | |

ROSS COUNTY

STUART KETTLEWELL & STEVEN FERGUSON

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| 1 SCOTT FOX | 14 JOSH MULLIN |
| 2 MARCUS FRASER | 16 LEWIS SPENCE |
| 3 SEAN KELLY | 18 CALLUM SEMPLE |
| 4 LIAM FONTAINE | 19 BRIAN GRAHAM |
| 5 CALLUM MORRIS | 21 ROSS MUNRO |
| 6 ROSS DRAPER | 24 HARRY PATON |
| 7 MICHAEL GARDYNE | 26 DON COWIE |
| 8 JAMIE LINDSAY | 27 ROSS STEWART |
| 9 BILLY MCKAY | 28 KENNY VAN DER WEG |
| 10 DECLAN MCMANUS | 31 DANIEL ARMSTRONG |
| 11 IAIN VIGURS | 43 JAMES WALLACE |
| 12 ANDY BOYLE | 44 TOM GRIVOSTI |