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ALAN HERCHER TRIBUTE

REMEMBERING 25 YEARS WITH CHRISTIE & BENNETT

A HISTORIC ARBROATH THROWBACK

JOHN ROBERTSON'S MATCH PREVIEW



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# MANAGER PREVIEW

WITH JOHN ROBERSTON



Good afternoon and welcome to today's Ladbrokes Championship match against Arbroath.

I would like to welcome Dick Campbell, his brother Pink, and the rest of the coaching staff, directors and players to the Caledonian Stadium this afternoon, backed by their faithful away fans, for what will be another very competitive league game.

We had two disappointing trips to Dundee, where firstly we lost 1-0 in a tight match against Dundee in the Betfred League cup that saw us exit the tournament.

There was nothing much between the sides and whilst we had a few chances in the first half we didn't look sharp enough at the other end to get the equaliser that we needed on the day, which was hugely frustrating.

Last week saw us take on the Tangerine side of the city and, whilst our overall performance was ok, we failed to take big chances we created at 0-0 and 2-1 and ultimately we gave away soft goals that saw Utd deserve to win the game, but, not by the margin it finished.

We simply have to be clinical in both boxes in terms of scoring and defending. We spoke after the game as a group and got a lot out of the discussion to take forward this week to show the improvements that are required to win any game of football.

Arbroath had a very encouraging point last week to start a new chapter in the Championship after their superb title win last season that saw them glide away to the title with games to spare.

Dick has added good experience and know how to his squad in the summer and they will compete for every point over the course of the season.

He has done a remarkable job down the years with several titles and promotions under his belt and is one of the most knowledgeable managers in the game. He will have a distinct plan and belief of what he and his squad are capable of achieving.

Today we simply must concentrate in what we need to do to be successful and that is playing and passing at a high tempo, getting crosses and shots in to the area and converting them as well as defending bravely. We will need these attributes to overcome the Red Litchies.

We also celebrate the club's 25th year anniversary and, as football has a habit of doing, we face the same opposition as we did all those years ago when, Captain, Alan Hercher led by example and got a hat-trick in a 5-2 win.

We will mark this achievement from Herchie with a special tribute by all wearing the number 4 armbands in his honour and hope that we can commiserate his memory and the birth of the club with a victory. I hope Alan's family and friends have a fantastic day in hospitality today.

As we play our first home league game of the 2019-20 season, I once again hope you will get right behind the lads

Enjoy the match,

**Robbo**



# CAPTAIN CARL

## TREMARCO'S PREVIEW

Good afternoon and welcome to the Caledonian Stadium for today's match against Arbroath as we begin our home league campaign.

We're looking forward to today's first home match of the season, it has turned into a bit of a bigger game following last weekend's result. The boys are eager to get out there and get back to winning ways.

We know today's match isn't going to be easy, we need to be at our best today because Arbroath aren't just going to come up here and lay down. Hopefully we can play really well and get the win.

Hopefully, with the club celebrating it's 25th Anniversary, it can be a great day with a great result. We're remembering the first skipper Alan Hercher and the club being formed 25 years ago. It's a big day, as players all we can do is our business on the park so hopefully we can get the win, then enjoy the celebration after.

Enjoy the game,

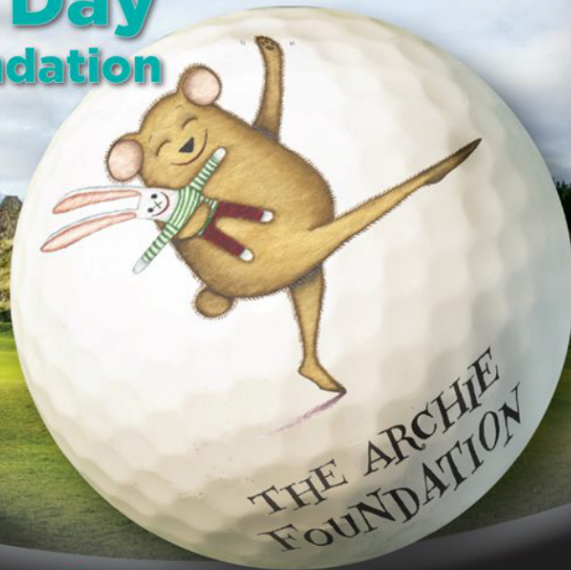
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# FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Please let me begin by welcoming everyone from Arbroath Football Club to Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC. We hope you enjoy your trip to the beautiful Highland capital. We look forward to great football and a competitive match, fairly played and with no injuries.

There are many great things happening at Inverness Caledonian Thistle as we celebrate our 25th anniversary. The Championship season is underway and everyone wants to get back to winning ways. As many of you know, our first SPFL match on 13 August 1994 was against Arbroath (at home) and ICT won 5-2. Alan Hercher scored a hat-trick at that match, and 10 August is the anniversary of his untimely passing. We extend our best wishes to the Hercher family.

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](mailto:graham.rae@ictfc.co.uk) - I'd be pleased to hear from you. In the meantime, let's get behind the team and let everyone know how special ICT is.

Please join me in wishing our team the very best for today's match. Finally, I would like to say thank you for your loyal support.

**Graham Rae**  
**Chairman**

# MATCH REPORT

DUNDEE UTD **4**  
INVERNESS CT **1**



03.08.19 | TANNADICE, DUNDEE  
LADBROKES CHAMPIONSHIP

**Lawrence Shankland made the headlines as he scored four on the opening day at Tannadice to secure Dundee United all three points, in a 4-1 win over the Caley Jags.**

Shankland signed for United from Ayr in the summer and he certainly made a big impression on his United league debut.

John Robertson made one change from the side which had lost to Dundee the week previous as David Carson replaced James Vincent. New signing Miles Storey made the bench.

There was a couple of chances early on as the Caley Jags cleared a scramble in the box and at the other end James Keatings hit the post after being set up by Jordan White.

United did have the lead after 7 minutes on the clock, Shankland fired a header past Ridgers after he met Appre's cross in the box.

Brad McKay was forced off with a back injury after he went up for a header and landed awkwardly. James Vincent replaced him.

Caley Thistle go themselves level after 29 minutes, James Keatings' corner found McCart in the middle and his header was somehow saved by Benji Siegrist but Walsh was on hand to fire home the rebound.



However, the game wasn't level for long as, one minute later, Shankland glanced home McMullan's cross from close range to make it 2-1 to the home side.

In the second-half, Shankland completed his hat-trick after 53 minutes. The striker was found in the middle as he headed in Louis Appere's cross for his third header of the game and the match ball.

Jordan White almost got one back as he fired Charlie Trafford's cross inches past the post after 56 minutes.

With ten minutes remaining, James Vincent was called into action as he cleared Cammy Smith's effort off the line.

Shankland had his fourth with four minutes remaining, the United striker swiveled in the box and fired his effort low into the bottom right hand corner.



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# 25 YEARS OF ICTFC

WITH CHARLIE CHRISTIE & GRAEME BENNETT

**Today the club celebrates its 25th Year Anniversary in poignant fashion as almost 25 years ago to the day we faced Arbroath in our first league game.**

Today the players will wear the ICT25 third strip as a celebration of our first 25 years as a club and two men who have been key figures during that time are Graeme Bennett and Charlie Christie.

Graeme Bennett is a former player and director of football at the club, he featured in the the first game against Arbroath 25 years ago as he recalled

“Unbelievable, playing against the same team 25 years later and a year since the day of Alan Hercher’s death so it’s an unbelievable set of circumstances.”

“It was a good atmosphere going into the game at the old Telford Street, you just didn’t know what you were going into as it was our first league game. Hopefully it’ll give a spur to the boys playing today as another 5-2 will be welcome!”

“There’s been ups and downs for the club, loads of great moments. They’ve been a stable club in the Scottish Premiership, thats what we’re aspiring to now and hopefully John Robertson can do that.”

Charlie Christie is working in the Club’s Youth Department now and has been a player, and is a former manager too is looking forward to celebrating the club’s 25th year this afternoon.

Charlie said: “I was injured and missed the first month of the season in 1994 so didn’t play in the first ever league game but it was great to be there. It’s very fitting and incredibly poignant what’s come around.”

“It’s astounding that we have Arbroath here, nearly 25 years to the date of the first game and one year since Alan died. It’s an incredible turn of events.”

“Graeme has helped organised what should be a brilliant day for Herchie, the lounge will be filled with former players and hopefully it’ll be a great day.”



# ALAN HERCHER TRIBUTE

PHOTO: KEN  
MACPHERSON

Last year, Alan Hercher sadly died at the age of 52. Today, Hercher will be honoured by the club in various ways, as Alan's friends and family are in hospitality for today's match.

Today, there will be a minutes applause before the match as a tribute to Hercher, each Caley Thistle player will wear an armband with the number four on it which was Alan's old squad number and we'll see the opening of the Alan Hercher enclosure in the North Stand. Today's fixture is a fitting one to remember Alan as he scored the hat-trick 25 years old in our first league match against Arbroath.

Charlie Christie paid tribute to Alan as he said: *"When the Championship fixtures came out in late June I remember having a rye smile at the astounding poignancy of our opening home match. It is quite incredible that we will play Arbroath F.C. on the one year anniversary of the passing of one of the North's most talented and popular football players ever – Alan Hercher."*

*"It is even more fitting that we welcome 'The Red Lichties' to the stadium almost 25 years to the day that Big Herchie scored a superb hat trick against them at Telford Street Park in our first ever Scottish League match! I remember thinking at the time that somebody up there is looking down on us and wanting us to have a special day for a very special guy."*

*"I have been lucky enough to have played with, and against, so many great characters in my career but I can't think of anyone who was held in such high regard in this area as Alan. A fabulous team mate that could always be counted on I could recount numerous occasions when Alan would pop up with a crucial goal just when his team needed it most; All four goals in the Qualifying Cup quarter final match at Fraserburgh, a brilliantly taken penalty in 1992 to get us back in the Scottish Cup tie against St Johnstone, a last minute equaliser against Steve Archibald's East Fife and that late winner against Livingstone in an epic Scottish Cup tie at Telford Street being just a few of the many times that the much admired lad from Beaully came up trumps when it was needed most!"*

*"I am thrilled that Alan is being remembered by lots of his friends here today and that Inverness Caledonian Thistle are recognising one of the club's true 'greats' – nobody could ever argue that it is not fully deserved."*

# DAVID BALFOUR IS RAISING MONEY FOR WORLD AT PLAY

**David Balfour is raising money for World at Play, a charity which uses sport and play programmes to enrich young lives facing adversity. Davie has volunteered at the club on Matchdays in various roles over many years.**

Davie cycled from Inverness to Tannadice for last weekend's game in support of World at Play, he will also be raising money at today's game through a bucket collection.

*David Balfour said: "On the 29th of August, I'll be in Norway, preparing to take part in the 2019 World at Play bike ride. It's a challenge and so is raising funds. To do this, I'll be launching a Facebook on-line auction for which lots are being donated."*

*"We'll be doing a bake sale at work, because everyone likes cake. We'll be doing a bucket collection at today's game against Arbroath. It's our nearest game to the 25th Anniversary. The Castle Tavern have pledged sponsorship. It's all go."*

*"However, I can't do anything without you lot and your support. It's vital in supporting World at Play to deliver positive experiences through sport and play to kids who have had precious little of either in areas of conflict."*

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**DICK CAMPBELL**

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**GAYFIELD PARK**

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**W** 7-0  
HOME, 30.07.16  
LEAGUE CUP

**W** 2-0  
AWAY, 29.08.12  
LEAGUE CUP

**D** 2-2  
AWAY, 27.08.08  
LEAGUE CUP



# THE OPPOSITION

## ARBROATH

Arbroath come to the Caledonian Stadium this afternoon drawing 0-0 with Queen of the South on the opening day last weekend. The Red Lichties have gained two promotions in three years under Dick Campbell, who took the manager's job when the club were struggling in League Two.

Last season Dick Campbell's side won the League One title in style, winning it by seven points over Forfar. Bobby Linn was among one of five Arbroath players in the PFA Scotland League One team of the season last term, the 33 year-old scored 23 goals in 38 games last season. The other Litchies in last season's team of the year were Jason Thomson, Ricky Little, Thomas O'Brien and Gavin Swankie.

Goalkeeper Derek Gaston has arrived this summer from Morton, Centre-Back Robert Wilson from Berwick Rangers, Scott Stewart from Airdrieonians and James Murphy on a free transfer.

# THROWBACK

## AND SO IT BEGINS

13.08.1994

**CALEY THISTLE 5**  
**ARBROATH 2**

TELFORD STREET

PHOTO: KEN MACPHERSON



**Almost exactly 25 years ago to the day, Caley Thistle beat Arbroath 5-2 in our first ever league match, with the great Alan Hercher scoring a hat-trick for the Caley Jags.**

Today, football shows it can work in strange and wonderful ways, as we take on the same opposition. The first goal was a simple one for the Caley Jags, Graeme Bennett's corner was powerfully headed in by Alan Hercher.

The second goal for Hercher was from a corner again but this time Arbroath failed to clear their lines and it fell to Hercher to smash it home. Hercher again caused problems for the Arbroath players, another corner was swung in and powerfully headed in by Hercher as he completed his quick fire hat-trick.

In the second-half, Craig Farnan headed one back for Arbroath to get them back into the match and Downie played in Reilly who finished past McRitchie.

However, Caley Thistle did manage to extend their advantage as McRitchie's kick out wasn't dealt with, and Paul McKenzie clipped the ball over the goalkeeper's head.

The final goal was the best of the match as Graeme Bennett went on the counter attack and he played a brilliant ball to Wilson Robertson, who timed his run perfectly, as the winger lobbed the Arbroath goalkeeper to give us our first ever three points!

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| 7 JAMES KEATINGS  | 24 CHARLIE TRAFFORD |
| 8 DAVID CARSON    | 26 CAMERON HARPER   |
| 9 JORDAN WHITE    | 27 MATHEUS MACHADO  |
| 10 AARON DORAN    | 28 RODDY MACGREGOR  |
| 11 TOM WALSH      |                     |
| 12 KEVIN MCHATTIE |                     |

## ARBROATH

### DICK CAMPBELL & IAIN CAMPBELL

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 DARREN JAMIESON | 14 GREIG SPENCE  |
| 2 JASON THOMSON   | 15 LUKE DONNELLY |
| 3 COLIN HAMILTON  | 16 SCOTT STEWART |
| 4 RICKY LITTLE    | 17 ROBERT WILSON |
| 5 THOMAS O'BRIEN  | 18 JAMES MURPHY  |
| 6 MARK WHATLEY    | 21 DEREK GASTON  |
| 7 DAVID GOLD      |                  |
| 8 MICHAEL MCKENNA |                  |
| 9 STEVEN DORIS    |                  |
| 10 GAVIN SWANKIE  |                  |
| 11 BOBBY LINN     |                  |
| 12 OMAR KADER     |                  |