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MANAGER PREVIEW

WITH JOHN ROBERTSON

Good evening and welcome to tonight's IRN-BRU Challenge Cup Tie against Dunfermline Athletic. I would like to warmly welcome Allan Johnston, Sandy Clark and the players, officials and fans of the Pars to the Caledonian Stadium.

Tonight, we begin the defence of the trophy that we won last year, and it was a competition we gave our full respect to from the start. We face a tough draw against, Championship rivals, Dunfermline. It will be a hard game considering their start to the season but with both teams attack minded and in a confident mood, I am sure there will be plenty of action tonight.

I have to say I'm more than a little bit disappointed with the fact that all the teams from England, Northern Ireland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland have been given byes in to the second round. This very strange given that it is supposed to be a level playing field and fair draw for everyone, I cannot get my head round this particular circumstance. However, there is nothing that can be done about that now so we will have to get our heads down and concentrate on this evening's game and the tough task that lies ahead.

Saturday was frustrating and after a very bright start, then being awarded the penalty and the Ayr player sent off, we should have been able to go on to win the match. Unfortunately, we missed the spot kick and our failure to capitalise on a couple of gilt edged opportunities, before half time, gave Ayr the boost and the resilience to keep fighting for the point they ultimately achieved. We had enough of the ball and had some



good opportunities with headers from Oakley, White, Austin and Mackay going close, and Nathan hitting the bar as well. However, I felt we lacked a little bit of composure in the final third and in the end we had to settle for two points less than we should have had. We must learn to be more clinical as every point in the League will be crucial and opportunities like that cannot be passed up going forward.

Saturday also saw a very unsavoury section of our “support” deciding to abuse Liam Polworth’s partner and sister, this is something that we as a club condemn at the very highest level. We know this came from a small minority but, whoever you are, I personally don’t want you to attend games if you are going to abuse family members of my players. We can all accept criticism for bad passes, misses, poor decision making etc but to sing abuse at a player’s wife and sister, who attend games to support Liam and the team, is something that simply must not be allowed to happen under any circumstances.

What example does this set to the upcoming young Inverness players who are trying to get in to the first team to play for their local team and the club they support? Liam has played in every game since my return to the club such is the quality I believe he has. His five goals and 20+ assists last season show his value to the team and the club. I reiterate to all the true ICT fans out there to get right behind him and the team.

I can only hope that this will be an isolated incident and that when apprehended the people responsible are dealt with in an appropriate manner and that the fantastic esteem our support is held in goes forward untarnished.

Enjoy the game

John

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CAPTAIN CARL

TREMARCO'S MATCH PREVIEW

Welcome to this evening's match against Dunfermline, hope you're all well.

We have fond memories of the IRN-BRU Cup last season, it's another game and one we want to win so we won't take it lightly. I'm unsure on what the gaffer's thoughts are with his team selection but I'm sure whoever he puts out there tonight will give one hundred percent.

Last season we started quite slow, so we need the IRN-BRU Cup matches to get back in to a bit of momentum regarding performances. We've started this season not too bad so I'm unsure if this will affect the team selection but it's a game we want to win for sure.

Dunfermline will have the same mindset as us, they're coming into this game on the back of a defeat and won't want to lose two in a row. They've got a big game against Hearts at the weekend so will want to build moment going into that game. I'm not sure what type of team Dunfermline will bring up but we'll deal with it accordingly.

Thanks for your support

Carl Tremarco



COMMUNITY NEWS

Walking football: Walking football is everything you love about football, with the only difference it is a foul to run! Walking football is designed to give you the chance to play the beautiful game you love but reduces the chance of injury. Its adapted format of the game provides light physical activity, providing a great way to keep fit, learn new skills and socialise at the same time! The extra sessions will be running at Milton of Leys Primary on 16th August before the regular weekly sessions return at Hilton Community Centre on 23rd August, they all start at 1.00pm-2.30pm and have refreshments provided throughout the session. The sessions cost £4 per week and a playing top is provided for the duration of the session which provides participants a chance to play games and also a chance



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to practice some skills to encourage players to be more comfortable on the ball. If you are over 55 and interested in attending come along and see what it is all about.

Football Memories: Using the football club and football memorabilia we look to have a positive impact on people's lives across the local community and our group not only helps those living with dementia it is open to anyone who wants to come along and share their memories. So, if you are part of a dementia friendly group and are over the age of 55, we'd love for you to come along and share these memories with us on the last Friday of the month. The programme will return for the new season starting Friday 31st August.

Weekly classes: The courses (**ICTFC Soccer Schools, Nessie's Soccer Stars, ICTFC 4v4 Centre, Safe Hands & after school clubs**) 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 ictfc.com.

MATCH REPORT

11.08.18, TULLOCH CALEDONIAN STADIUM
INVERNESS, LADBROKES CHAMPIONSHIP

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SHAUN ROONEY & DAVID FERGUSON BATTLE IT OUT

The Caley Jags were held to a goalless draw with Ayr Utd on Saturday, with them taking four points from the opening two league matches.

The game started with a minutes silence in memory of Caley Thistle's first ever captain Alan Hercher, which was observed impeccably by both sets of supporters.

There was an early chance for Tom Walsh but his shot was narrowly wide from just inside the box.

Ayr's Daniel Harvie was first booked for a rash challenge on Shaun Rooney and then later in the game he was off after hauling down George Oakley in the box, as ICTFC were awarded a penalty.

Liam Polworth stepped up but his penalty was wide as the game remained scoreless.

Nathan Austin also had an effort one on one with the Ayr keeper but his shot was wide.

Coll Donaldson had a go from range late on but his shot was just over.

The Caley Jags remain unbeaten this season in the league and also got their third clean sheet of the season in all competitions.

TOM WALSH

TALKS SETTLING IN AT THE CALEY JAGS

Caley Thistle play-maker, Tom Walsh, has made a big impression on the Caley Jags fans already this season.

Walsh joined from Dumbarton and is now playing at a club on a full-time basis after recently having played as a part-time player. Walsh has a couple of goals to his name already and he assisted George Oakley's winner against Falkirk on the opening day of the season and that's what Walsh's game is all about.

Walsh said: "I had a wee half-chance against Ayr in the first couple of minutes which I'll need to see back, I want to get goals. I got a couple in the League Cup and I want to continue that as soon as possible, to get a good run of goals. I got the assist against Falkirk and that's what it's all about for me – goals and assists."

"I got a good run in the cup, played against Falkirk and played again against Ayr Utd. The Ayr game was a frustrating one for everybody but I still want to stay in the side of course, the Manager might want to change things on Tuesday and that's fair enough, but I want to play every game I can."

Walsh is enjoying the Inverness area and the closeness of the ICTFC squad with the players making him feel really welcome as he said: "The boys are great, they've made all the new boys feel welcome so there's no issues there. The place is a lovely place, it's a lovely environment but we want to win games. We drew with Ayr, we got a clean





sheet on a positive note and we'll take that forward. Clean sheets are an important basis to build on but we want to be winning games so we were a bit frustrated but that's football, we go again on Tuesday."

Walsh has turned his focus to tonight's game and has previous experience of going far in the IRN-BRU Cup as Walsh played in Dumbarton's run to final last season, as they lost 1-0 to the Caley Jags.

Walsh said: "I don't know what kind of squad Dunfermline will bring but I think the manager has said he'll try and freshen things up for us. However, the club won it last season and, as I know, the club beat Dumbarton in the final last season and want to go onto retain it. This is the start of it again, we want to go and win it as you want to win every game you play in. It's a good thing that we've got a game to look forward to straight away, hopefully we'll go on and get a win on Tuesday."

He added: "I missed Dumbarton's semi-final in Wales through injury, but I played a few games in the run last season, including the final. I just made it back in time for the final from injury, it was a good occasion, but we were disappointed on the day. At a club like Inverness we want to be challenging for everything we play in."

Walsh is enjoying living in the Highlands so far, but he knows he's been lucky with the weather this summer in the Highlands!

The former Dumbarton and Rangers man said: "It's a lovely area, it's nice but ask if it's so nice when the weather changes! It's a nice place and the weather has been great this summer. There's enough going on with the boys so there's no issues there."

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LEAGUE

L 1-0
AWAY, 13.03.18
LEAGUE

W 1-0
HOME, 28.10.17
LEAGUE

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DUNFERMLINE ATH

THE OPPONENT



Dunfermline come into tonight's match on the back of a 3-1 home loss to Ross County, so they'll be looking to get back to winning ways tonight. The Pars may rest a few players tonight with them having a big match this Saturday against Hearts in the Betfred Cup.

Allan Johnston's men have started the season well as they qualified from their Betfred Cup group and won their opening game of the season which was away to Dundee Utd. It'll also be a return for two Scottish Cup winning ICTFC players - Danny Devine and James Vincent, who scored the winner against Falkirk in the 2015 final.

New signings for the Pars this summer include: Louis Longridge (Falkirk), Aiden Connolly (York City), Mark Durnan (Dundee Utd), Danny Devine (Partick Thistle), Joe Thomson (Celtic), Tom Beadlin (Sunderland), Jackson Longridge (Livingston), Myles Hippolyte (St Mirren), Faissal El Bakhtaoui (Dundee) and James Vincent (Dundee, second loan spell) .

OTHER RESULTS



Under 18s

ICTFC U18 7-2 Partick Thistle U18

Caley Thistle's under 18's backed up their opening day win over Ross County with a 7-2 hammering of Partick Thistle.

Caley Thistle's Roddy Kennedy scored four while Shane Harkness scored twice and Daniel Mackay grabbed a goal. The U18s now travel to Ayr Utd this Friday as they look to continue their impressive start to the season.

Highlights of the 7-2 win are available on the official ICTFC Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages.

U17 League Winners paraded

Last Saturday, our U17 League winning squad was paraded around the Tulloch Caledonian Stadium before the start of our match against Ayr Utd. The team won 22 of their 24 games on route to the title last term and scored over 100 goals in the process. Congratulations Lads!

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UNDER 18'S FIXTURES

All fixtures played on Friday nights, unless stated otherwise.

17.08.18

AWAY VS AYR UNITED

24.08.18

HOME VS DUNDEE UNITED

31.08.18

AWAY VS GREENOCK MORTON

14.09.18

HOME VS ST. JOHNSTONE

05.10.18

AWAY VS QUEENS PARK

Full fixture list & information available online at www.ictfc.co.uk

THROWBACK

MAIDEN SPL "HOME" GAME

15.08.04, SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE
PITTODRIE STADIUM, ABERDEEN

ICTFC 2-0 Dunfermline

Almost 14 years to the day, we again find ourselves in home action against Dunfermline. The game back in 2004 was a special one for the club as it was their "Home" debut in the SPL.

The game was taking place at Pittodrie Stadium in Aberdeen and John Robertson's side secured their first ever top league win thanks to goals from Stuart Golabeck and Juanjo.

Golabeck's goal came after 12 minutes, and was the club's first ever top flight goal as he fired a shot from the edge of the box in and past Dunfermline keeper Darren Stllie.

Juanjo sealed the win with around twenty minutes to go as, current ICTFC coach, Barry Wilson's cross found its way to the striker and he fired the ball home.

ICTFC would go to finish 8th in a season where many tipped the club for relegation.

ICTFC that day: Brown, Tokely, McCaffrey, McBain, Golabeck, Keogh, Hart, Juanjo (Prunty 88), Bayne, Hislop (Wilson 23),



SQUADS

MATCH OFFICIALS

ALAN MUIR, JOSEPH LAWSON, ROSS BIRRELL

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 |

DUNFERMLINE ATH

ALLAN JOHNSON & SANDY CLARK

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| 1 SEAN MURDOCH | 11 AIDEN CONNOLLY |
| 2 RYAN WILLIAMSON | 14 DANNY DEVINE |
| 3 JACKSON LONGRIDGE | 15 MYLES HIPPOLYTE |
| 4 LEWIS MARTIN | 16 LEE ROBINSON |
| 5 MARK DURNAN | 17 JOE THOMSON |
| 6 LEE ASHCROFT | 18 FAISSAL EL BAKHTAOUI |
| 7 KALLUM HIGGINBOTHAM | 19 JAMES VINCENT |
| 8 TOM BEADLING | 20 CAMMY GILL |
| 9 ANDY RYAN | 23 CALLUM SMITH |
| 10 LOUIS LONGRIDGE | 28 JAMES CRAIGEN |