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MCDONALD TALKS ABOUT HIS LOAN SPELL SO FAR

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MANAGER PREVIEW

WITH JOHN ROBERTSON

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

This fixture brings down the curtain on the league fixtures and of course today's results will dictate the order in which we play Ayr Utd next week in the first of the play off rounds. I would like to warmly welcome Stevie Crawford, his staff, players and fans of the Pars to the Caledonian Stadium today.

Last week saw us fight back for a deserved victory at Alloa where their obvious hunger and determination to stay in the Championship was evident for the first half hour before we started to make inroads with our passing game.

I felt we needed the second striker to press them more in their half of the field and also give us an attacking edge that we had lacked. This eventually saw us take control of the game, score two goals in quick succession, through Shaun and Charlie, and then see their goalkeeper make a couple of good saves from Jordan and another Rooney effort cleared off the line. Then just as we had wrestled control of the game we lost Carlo to a calf injury and had to see the final 15 minutes out with only ten men but apart from a late scramble we did so relatively comfortably.

We are still battling for third place so with Ayr winning it was important to keep pace and take it to today's final scheduled league match. It will be another tough game as they all have been with the Pars, they will be looking to sign off with a win and finish in the top half of the table.

They have been playing a mix of senior and younger players over the last few weeks and their youngsters have been impressing in the Reserve League and in the Fife Cup and will be no doubt hoping that they get an opportunity to play today.

On that note we must once again congratulate our U18 squad who followed up last year's title win by wrapping up this year's title with games to spare. We are absolutely delighted that they have done so and in some style with a 4-0 victory over Ross County on Tuesday. We have high hopes for many of these young lads with Mackay, MacGregor, Harper and Brown having already played for the first team and Machado, Fyffe, Kennedy and Nicholson being on the bench, so they are making excellent progress and we are very happy with their continued development.

Their opportunity will come soon enough, people have to realise that whilst they are excelling against players in their age group it is a big jump from Academy football to the first team. In an ideal world they would be playing reserve team football and be even closer to playing for the first team.

We hope to rectify that next year by getting our Colts team in to the Highland League as part of project brave but this will require a number of things to fall in to place in order for us to do so but we believe it will significantly speed up the development of these youngsters towards our first team.

Once more we hope you will stay right behind the team as we bring the League to an end and prepare for the cut and thrust of the Premiership play-offs.

Enjoy the match

Robbo



CAPTAIN CARL

TREMARCO'S MATCH PREVIEW

Good afternoon and welcome to today's match against Dunfermline Athletic, I hope you're well.

We're looking forward to today's match, it is a good opportunity for us to take some momentum into the play-off matches. We need to do it right, be professional, do a proper job and we want to finish in third place.

With our away form this season maybe having the second leg at home won't matter but it would be nice to go down there , with the first game away and get a positive result and bring it back up here. With knockout ties, it's always an advantage having the second game at home so we'll be trying to get that.

I won't be available for today's game after picking up an injury against Alloa. I'm going to see how it goes day-by-day and depending on when the first leg is, I'll take it from there.

Enjoy the match,

Carlo



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I would like to welcome the directors, players and supporters of Dunfermline Athletic Football Club to Inverness.

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 give of their best on the park – the most certain way to remain competitive is to be creative, work hard and never give up. Although this is the last game of the regular season timetable, there is much to play for, as we prepare for the play-offs.

Getting good results and winning games becomes a habit, and this in turn creates momentum and builds confidence. Let's stand together, make some noise and really get behind our team and the manager and coaching staff.

I would like to thank all of our steadfast supporters, shareholders, sponsors, stakeholders, suppliers, partners and patrons for their brilliant backing and good cheer throughout the season. Additionally, here's to the football management team, players and support staff who work so hard at delivering great football every week. Finally, I would like to say a gigantic thank you to all of our amazing employees and volunteers who do so much to keep the wheels turning across all facets of this football club.

Here's to a competitive game of football and no injuries. Please join me in wishing our team the very best for today's match.

Graham Rae

Chairman

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MATCH REPORT

27.04.19, INDODRILL STADIUM, ALLOA,
SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

ALLOA ATH 1
INVERNESS CT 2



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ANTHONY McDONALD OUTPACES HIS MARKER

Second-Half goals from Shaun Rooney and Charlie Trafford secured a 2-1 win for the Caley Jags against Alloa, after Alan Trouten had put the hosts ahead with a penalty.

The win keeps Caley Thistle level on points with Ayr United going into today's match and results today will decide who finishes third and fourth.

John Robertson made three changes to the side which lost 2-0 to Dundee United as McHattie, Mckay (suspended) and Walsh were replaced by Tremarco, Donaldson and McDonald.

Jordan White went just wide after 16 minutes, while Cammy Mackay was called into action after 23 minutes as he saved Jack Aitchison's close range effort.

Alloa were awarded a penalty after 27 minutes as Donaldson was judged to have fouled Zanatta in the box. It looked a soft call but Alan Trouten stepped up and scored.

John Robertson made two half-time subs as McCauley and Austin came on for Polworth, who was struggling with a knock and Anthony McDonald.

On the 47th, Shaun Rooney saw his effort cleared off the line as he met a corner from Charlie Trafford.

Rooney got his goal after 68 minutes as Joe Chalmers' cross found him on the edge of the box and he fired past Neil Parry.

Five minutes later it was 2-1 to the Caley Jags, Charlie Trafford prodded home Joe Chalmers' corner to complete the turnaround.

Carl Tremarco was struggling with an injury and couldn't see out the game. With the Caley Jags making all three subs they had to play the remainder of the match with just ten men.

Cammy was called into action late on as he produced two fine saves to deny Connor Shields and Dario Zanatta.

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CHARLIE TRAFFORD CELEBRATES HIS WINNER & POLWORTH GETTING STUCK RIGHT IN

COMMUNITY NEWS

Weekly Courses are back and Summer Hotshots dates are online

This week is the start of our weekly classes around Inverness. We will be having our usual classes at Hilton Primary, Milton of Leys Primary and Smithton Primary School and it is welcome to boys and girls ages 3-14, no matter your ability. If it's something new for your child or you want them to improve their skills then take them along. For all information and booking forms then go online at www.ictfc.com/weekly-courses and also our summer hotshots program is up too with all dates, times and venues that we will be visiting in the summer holidays. Check it out at <https://ictfc.com/hotshots>

Walking Football is 2 days a week

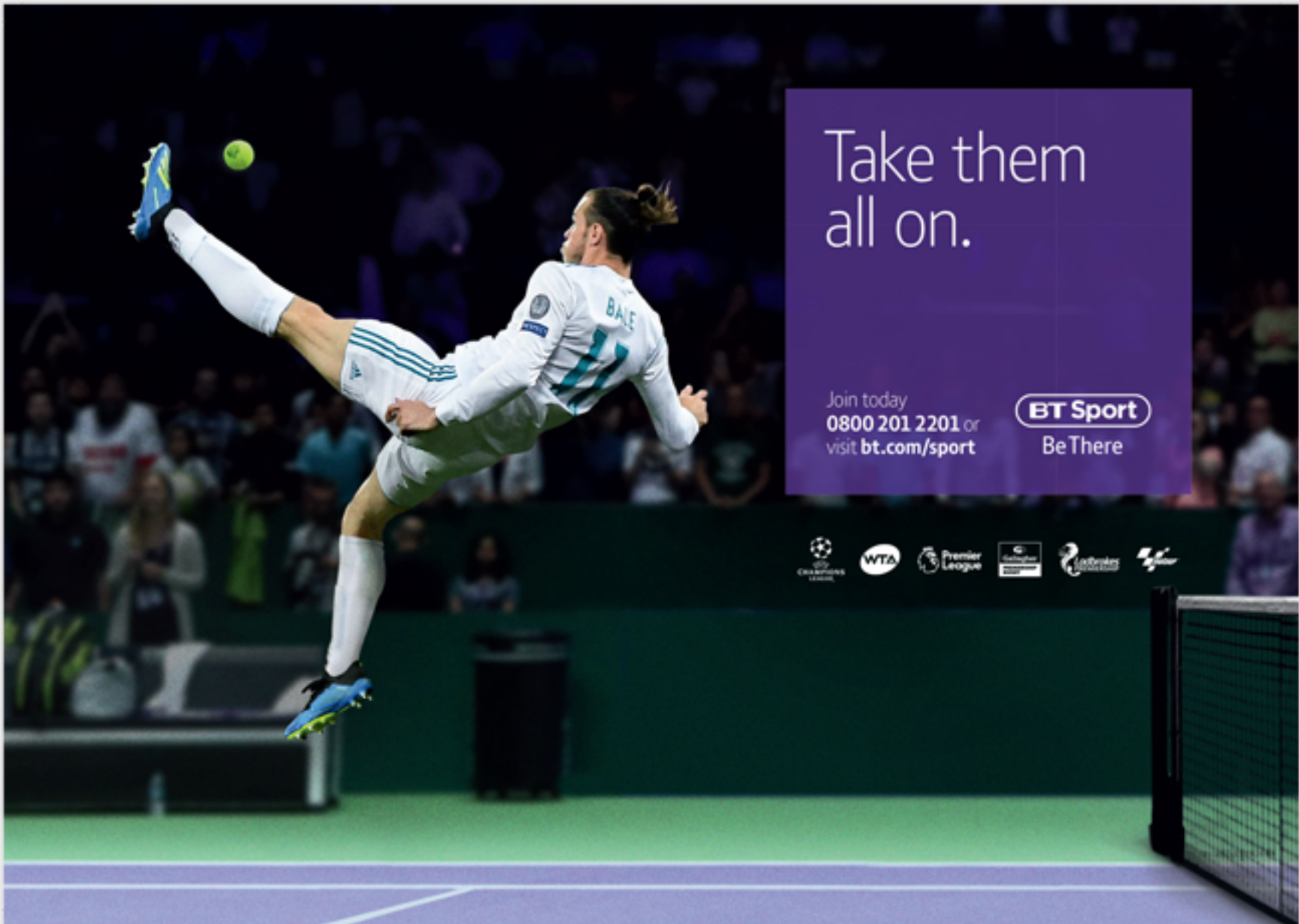
Since the weather is becoming hotter and the nights are longer, then we are adding another session. We will be having walking football every Tuesday at the Milton of Leys Astro 6pm-7pm for £3. Walking football is everything you love about football, with the only difference it is a foul to run! Walking 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! If you are keen to try it then come along

Charlie Trafford at Football Memories

We were lucky enough to have another first team player at football memories last week. Charlie Trafford came in to speak about how he has made the transition from playing football in Canada to Europe. He spoke of his time in Holland, Finland and Poland with some interesting stories. He was also able to answer any questions the group had for him

CHARLIE TRAFFORD AT FOOTBALL MEMORIES





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ANTHONY MCDONALD

TALKS HIS TIME AT THE CALEY JAGS SO FAR



Anthony McDonald is hoping his Caley Thistle career can last a little longer as the Caley Jags look to go far in the upcoming Premiership play-offs. McDonald is on loan from Hearts and he will return to the Jam Tarts at the end of the season.

Anthony has really enjoyed his time at the Caley Jags, where the loan spell has provided him with the chance of getting more football under his belt, even though he is frustrated he couldn't have played more due to injury.

The 18-year old said: "My time here has been brilliant, I don't think I've played as much as I would have wanted because of the injury but when I have played I've really enjoyed it."

"I need to give credit to the manager and the players for bringing me in and making me feel really like I'm apart of the squad, it's been really good and I'll go back to Hearts and see what happens."

"I stay with Kevin McHattie, so it's been good to stay away from home. Obviously it's been a real change and it's been tough but I'm kind of used to it so I'm enjoying it now."

McDonald has scored his first career goal during his loan spell with the Caley Jags but he wants to add more goals to his game. He said: "It's good to get the recognition, especially from the Hearts fans as I'm still one of their players. It was great to score my first goal against Morton but I think I need to score more so we'll see'

Today, Caley Thistle could seal third place if they better Ayr United's result, who face Alloa at home, and McDonald thinks home advantage in the second leg would help the Caley Jags.

He said: "it's a big game, we're not going to rest up or do anything to prevent us to getting third place. We've got big play-off games coming up but we need to try and secure third before we look to them."

"I would be massive to have the second leg at home. Going away to Ayr is somewhere we've done well this season but we know what we can do at home. I think we could potentially go through into the next round."

The on-loan Hearts winger realises that the play-off schedule will be demanding on the Caley Thistle squad but he thinks the squad can deal with it.

McDonald said: "It's going to be tough playing in the play-off as the boys have had a long season, it's a lot of games in a short period of time so it'll be tough but I think we've got the mentality and the preparation to get through it."

McDonald also wanted to thank the supporters for getting behind during his time with the Caley Jags and he urged the fans to get behind the side in the play-offs.

He said: "The support from the Caley Thistle fans has been brilliant, especially away from home as they travel such a long distance to every game."

"We all really appreciate their support and they've been brilliant. The home fans have been brilliant too, especially against Ross County, where they made a really good noise. I think they just need to get behind us in the play-offs and we'll do what we can."

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LEAGUE

D 2-2
HOME, 30.10.18
LEAGUE

W 3-0
AWAY, 01.09.18
LEAGUE

DUNFERMLINE ATH

THE OPPOSITION



Dunfermline head to the Caledonian Stadium this afternoon without any fear of being relegated but will be disappointed to not have a chance of getting themselves into the play-offs.

Stevie Crawford replaced Allan Johnston in the new year and the Pars looked to be in the play-off hunt after five straight wins without conceding in February and March. However, they have been on a poor run recently with six losses in their last seven matches.

Bruce Anderson joined from Aberdeen on loan in January and has scored five goals. Dunfermline won the last meeting between the sides 1-0 in February, with Joe Thomson's goal separating the sides.

The overall record between the sides favours the Caley Jags as it reads:

ICTFC wins- 13, Draws- 16, Dunfermline wins- 9

MATCH REPORT

30.04.19, CALEDONIAN STADIUM
U-18 PROGRESSIVE TIER LEAGUE

INVERNESS CT 4
ROSS COUNTY 0



Caley Thistle Under 18s secured the Under 18s Progressive Tier title in style as they beat Ross County 4-0 at the Caledonian Stadium thanks to a brace from Roddy MacGregor and goals from Donald Morrison and Matheus Machado.

The first chance of the match fell to Matheus Machado as he shot from around 20 yards but his effort was saved by Dixon-Hodge.

Jack Brown then fed in Ross Gunn on the edge of the box but the winger fired his effort wide of the post.

Cameron Harper looked to open the scoring with a free-kick from about 25 yards but the left-back's effort was narrowly wide of the post.

Just after the half-hour mark, Machado went close as Jack Brown's corner found its way to him and his shot was inches wide.

Machado caused more trouble down the left-hand side as he cut inside and shot but his effort was palmed away by Dixon-Hodge.

Caley Thistle took the lead on the 43rd minute as Machado unleashed a powerful effort which hit the crossbar and the rebound fell to Donald Morrison who prodded it home to make it 1-0 to the Caley Jags.

It was 2-0 just a minute later as some good play by Machado found Roddy Kennedy in the box and he cut it back to Roddy MacGregor and his low finish beat Dixon-Hodge.

They Caley Jags made it 3-0 in the second-half as Cameron Harper's floated in free-kick was played across the box by Machado to find Roddy MacGregor for a tap-in

The win was sealed on the 83rd minute as Shane Harkness found Matheus Machado in the box and the winger took it past the Ross County defender and chipped the ball over the Ross County keeper.



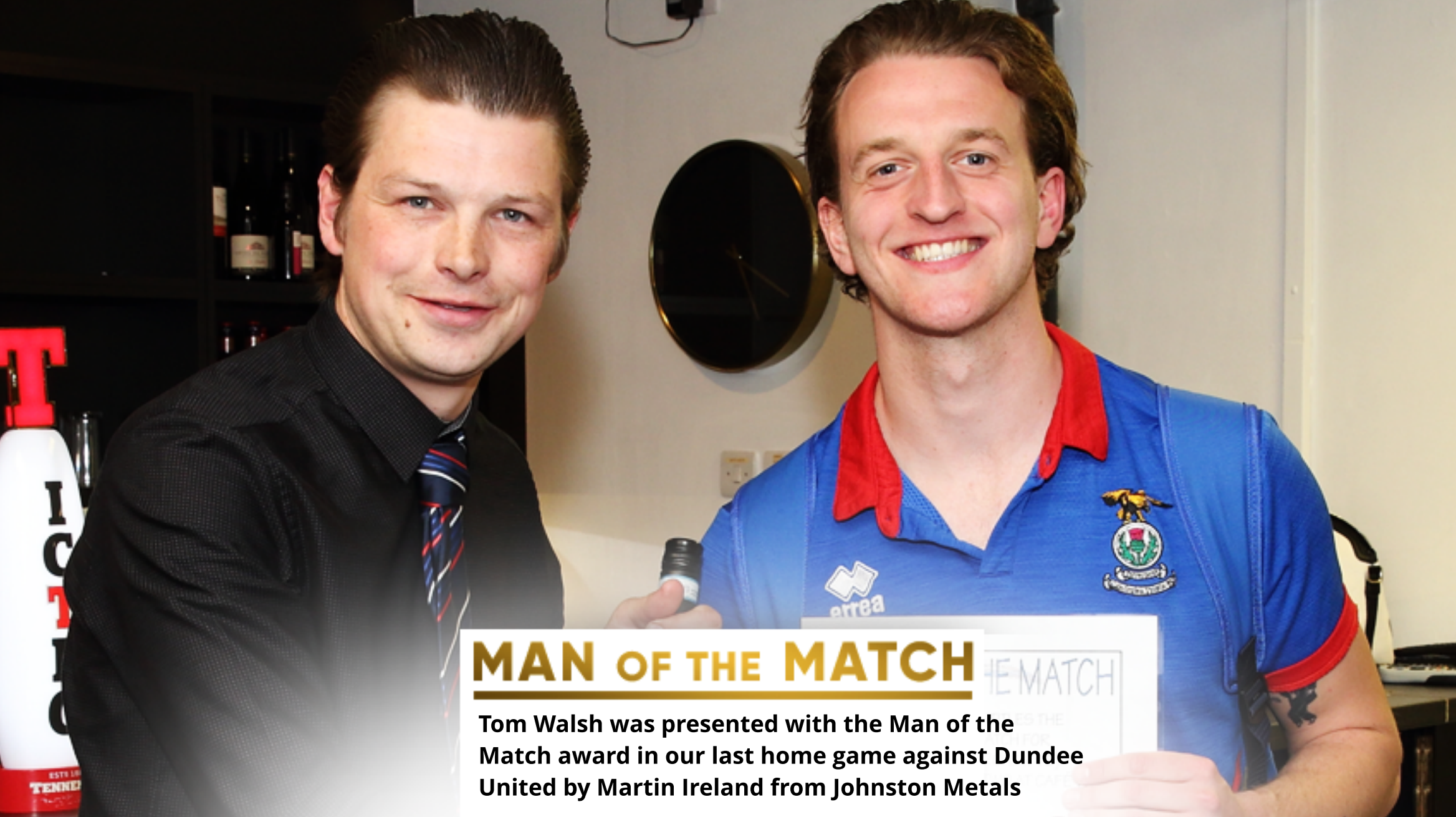
MACHADO LIFTS THE BALL OVER THE KEEPER TO SCORE & MacGREGOR ON HIS WAY TO SCORING A BRACE



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MAN OF THE MATCH THE MATCH

Tom Walsh was presented with the Man of the Match award in our last home game against Dundee United by Martin Ireland from Johnston Metals



MATCHDAY MASCOT

The Mascot for our last home match against Dundee United was Kiesha. She got the chance to meet the whole first team squad and here she is pictured with Kevin McHattie, Tom Walsh, Joe Chalmers, Brad Mckay and Jamie McCart.

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JOHN ROBERTSON & SCOTT KELLACHER

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| 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 | |

DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC

STEVIE CRAWFORD & GREG SHIELDS

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| 1 SEAN MURDOCH | 14 DANNY DEVINE |
| 2 RYAN WILLIAMSON | 15 MYLES HIPPOLYTE |
| 3 JACKSON LONGRIDGE | 16 LEE ROBINSON |
| 4 LEWIS MARTIN | 17 JOE THOMSON |
| 5 MARK DURNAN | 18 FAISSAL EL BAKHTAOUI |
| 6 LEE ASHCROFT | 19 JAMES VINCENT |
| 7 KALLUM HIGGINBOTHAM | 20 CAMMY GILL |
| 8 TOM BEADLING | 23 CALLUM SMITH |
| 9 ANDY RYAN | 28 JAMES CRAIGEN |
| 10 LOUIS LONGRIDGE | 35 RYAN BLAIR |
| 11 AIDAN CONNOLLY | 36 ROBBIE MUIRHEAD |
| 12 BRUCE ANDERSON | 40 RYAN SCULLY |