

# MATCHDAY

EDITION 23

SAT 20TH APR VS DUNDEE UTD



## READY FOR ACTION

CAMMY IS READY IN RIDGERS' ABSENCE

PLUS GREENOCK REPORT, SCOTTISH CUP  
& THE ROKZKOOL ACADEMY CHARITY

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# MANAGER PREVIEW

WITH JOHN ROBERTSON

Good afternoon and welcome to this today's Ladbrokes Championship clash with Dundee Utd. I would like to warmly welcome Robbie Neilson, his coaching staff, the Board of Dundee Utd and, of course, the fans of the Arabs who have made the long trip north today to support their team.

United are still chasing down our neighbours Ross County and whatever the result was last night they know that nothing more than a win will keep their title hopes alive. I'm sure they will be going all out today to keep those hopes going.

The matches have been very tight and there has been little to separate the teams with two 1-1 draws and a single goal victory for each side at Tannadice. I can't really see it being much different today with both sides quality.

We obviously have our own agenda as we need one more point to clinch the play off spot but also want a victory to keep the pressure on Ayr, as we want to finish as high up the table as possible.

We battled to a well deserved point against Morton on Tuesday and we certainly looked a little bit tired from the effort put in at Hampden but we had some terrific play in spells and we will need that again today if we are to prevail.

Anthony McDonald scored a very impressive first senior goal on Tuesday and Darren McCauley scored the other. I am sure Darren will turn out a very good acquisition for us and he is settling in very nicely to our set up.

The semi final was a disappointing result, but in the end it was the small details that cost us as we had explained all week that we had to concentrate fully at set plays, as Hearts are very dangerous with them.

Unfortunately a lapse of concentration led to two preventable goals and we also didn't get that little bit of luck with a world class save and then Jamie's goal wrongly disallowed although it would have taken an incredible spot to notice that.

But we battled well, I am very proud of the players and the fans who made the long and early journey to support us. I was sad we couldn't have sent them North with a victory.

We still have plenty to play for and it starts today and, once more, we hope you will get right behind the team and roar us on to victory

Enjoy the match

***Robbo***



# 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.

I would like to welcome the directors, management, players and supporters of Dundee United Football Club to Inverness. Here's to a competitive game of football, fairly played and with no injuries.

We ask that all of our supporters in Inverness and across the Highlands get behind ICT and cheer on our first team. There are three league games remaining and everyone at the Club is committed to do their best on and off the pitch. In addition to our pride, there is much to play for in the Championship, and the promotion play-offs are within our grasp. It's always best we set higher standards for our own performance rather than those around us, and then our only competition will be with ourselves. By standing together and being in full voice, we can collectively reinforce our passion and demonstrate our encouragement for our footballers and the management team.

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.

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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**Darren McCauley's late goal earned Caley Thistle a point at Cappielow Park, after Anthony McDonald had given the Caley Jags the lead with a stunning solo goal.**

The result puts the Caley Jags nine points ahead of Dunfermline with three matches left, meaning ICTFC only need one point to secure a play-off place. Gary Oliver went close after 14 minutes as he met Iredale's cross in the box, but he nodded it just wide of the post.

Caley Thistle did take the lead after 18 minutes after an incredible solo goal from, Hearts loanee, Anthony McDonald. The Winger produced a bit of magic as he went past three Morton men before reaching the box, with his effort heading in via the post.

The hosts got a leveller after 27 minutes on the clock as the ball broke to Reece Lyon about 20 yards out and he thundered his effort into the bottom corner.

Morton were awarded a penalty kick just before the break, Gregor Buchanan was judged to have been held by Brad McKay as the corner was swung in and the referee awarded the penalty. Greg Kiltie stepped up and sent Cammy Mackay the wrong way to put the Ton 2-1 up.

In the second-half, Morton had a big chance to make it 3-1 as Greg Kiltie's dinked effort was headed off the line by Shaun Rooney. Morton had a chance just before the hour mark as Gary Oliver dragged a shot wide of the post.

The Caley Jags were rewarded in the closing stages as Liam Polworth's cross found Darren McCauley at the back-post and he volleyed the ball into the back of the net to earn a point.

# MATCH REPORT

16.04.19, CAPPIELOW, GREENOCK  
SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

**GREENOCK MORTON 2**  
**INVERNESS CT 2**



TOM WALSH GETS WELL AHEAD OF HIS MARKER



ANTHONY McDONALD CELEBRATES A SOLO STUNNER & DARREN McCAULEY LEVELED LATE ON



**Today we welcome the children and supervisors from Rokzkool Academy to our game.**

The main purpose of the Charity is to address the problems faced by the 5-15 age group, where as the result of deprivation, family dysfunction or other circumstances outwith their control, these children are in danger of falling victim to other attractions such as drugs, antisocial behaviour and other habits which will undermine their life chances.

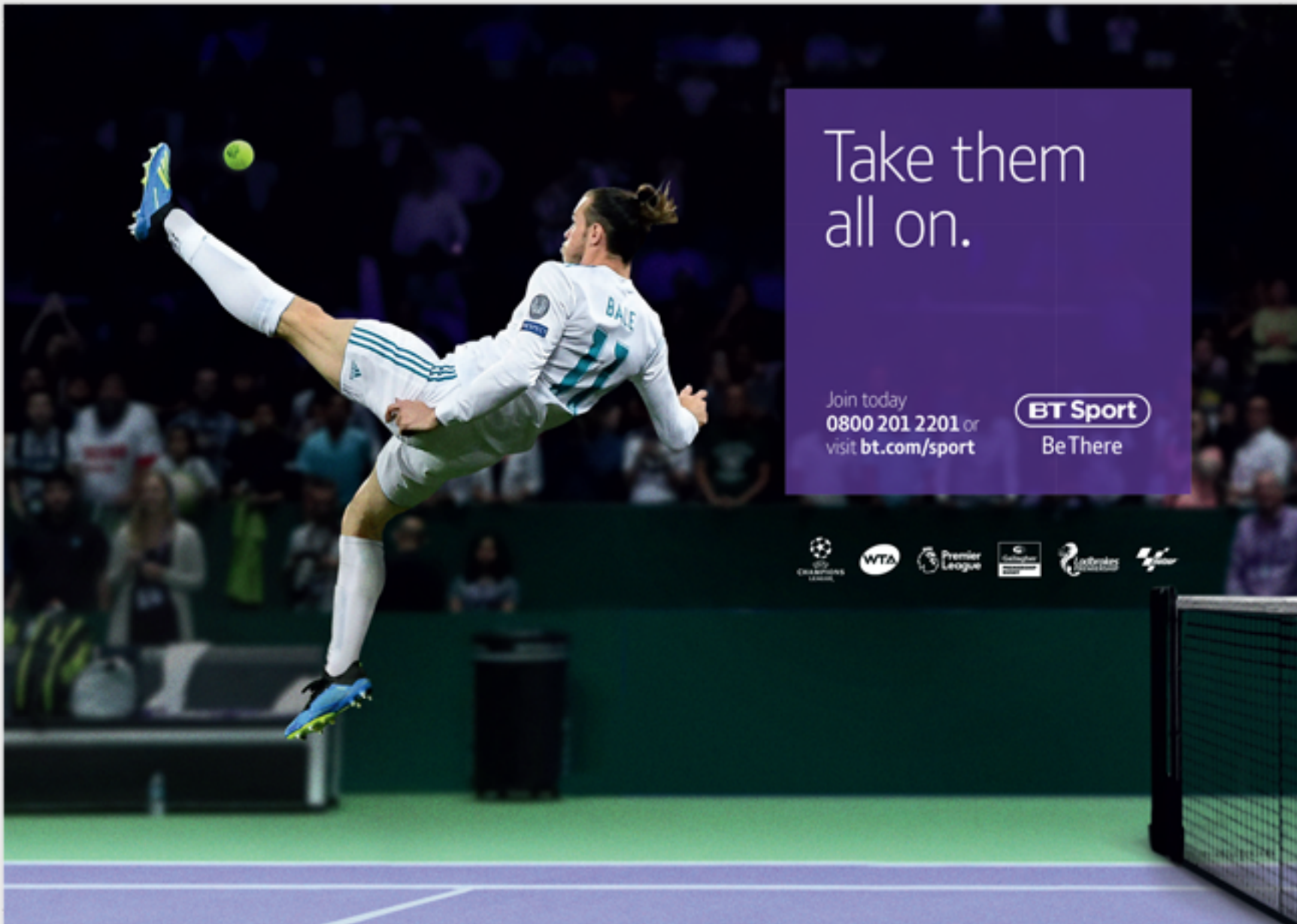
Research and experience has shown that children, given an interest in life, are less likely to fall victims to these options and the charity therefore encourages children to take up interests such as a musical instrument, football, outdoor activities, dancing etc. Weekly experiences are arranged to instil confidence in the children so that they are better prepared to resist the attraction of antisocial options.

The Charity is based on the community giving their time and experience to lift these children out of compromised lifestyles and lead them into new experiences and arouse new ambitions. As with all activities, a certain amount of funding is required but in this case finance is a small part of the needs of the organization as the time and experience of the charity's members is the main asset. Time and care given to these children gives them a level of confidence and knowledge that others do care.

Whilst the charity cannot redress the deficiencies in other aspects of their lives it can alleviate these stresses by highlighting other alternatives. The effects of deprivation and neglect are visible and it is the Charity's purpose to alleviate these effects and to assist the children in making the most of their talents and work towards a better future.

Enjoy today's game and we hope to see you here again.





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# CAMMY MACKAY

TALKS SECURING A PLAY-OFF PLACE



## **Cammy Mackay finds himself in the the Caley Thistle side again, after Mark Ridgers picked up a dislocated finger against Hearts in the Scottish Cup Semi-Final.**

Mackay now comes into the side and although he is gutted for Mark Ridgers, he wants to prove himself while he's in the team.

Cammy said: "We're gutted for Mark Ridgers because he was doing incredibly well again. It's another chance for me to show what I can do and what I'm capable of, so I'm happy to give it my best shot."

"Last season Mark went the whole season without being injured once, now it's been a couple of injuries in a few months. I just need to keep focused, I played three games last time and he came back and got his place back but I just needed to keep focused in case it happened again and it did."

Caley Thistle can secure a play-off place this afternoon with any type of result, and Cammy says the team is working hard and have their sights set on third place but expects a tough game against Dundee United this afternoon.

He said: "We're very excited to secure our play-off place, we are working very hard. We're aren't settling for fourth and we'll keep pushing all the way. I'm excited for today's game against Dundee United, hopefully we can take all three points and keep climbing up the table."

He continued: "I think we've got every chance today, especially being at home too. We played on Tuesday night and played some great football, especially in the second-half where it was all us. We had all the possession and the ball, I think that's what we've done most of the season. It's vital we take our chances when they come and don't concede, that's the main thing."

Cammy Mackay said it was hard to put the Scottish Cup Semi-Final out of the heads of the Caley Jags, but now the full focus must be on the league.

Cammy said: "It was a great experience again to get to Hampden, regarding what we have as a squad, to get to the semi-finals was an unbelievable achievement. Obviously, it wasn't meant to be

and now our full focus is on climbing the table as much as we can and to keep pushing on.”

“It’s tough to push it out of your mind, it’s different for me because I wasn’t playing but for the the boys that played, they were gutted. They put so much into the game but it just wasn’t meant to be on the day.”

The play-offs present Caley Thistle with a chance of reaching the Scottish Premiership and Cammy doesn’t see why Caley Thistle can’t find their way there.

The Goalkeeper said: “I think we’ve got every chance, I don’t see why not. We’ve got a small squad but a squad that’s full of honest boys, boys that are willing to work hard every single day and as long as we continue to take what we do in training into a game, we have every chance of going up.

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**SUPPORTER**



**SPOTLIGHT**

MANAGER  
**ROBBIE  
NEILSON**

## **PAST RESULTS**

**W** 2-1

AWAY, 03.03.19  
SCOTTISH CUP

**L** 1-0

AWAY, 26.02.19  
LEAGUE

**D** 1-1

HOME, 15.12.18  
LEAGUE

**DUNDEE UNITED**  
THE OPPOSITION



Dundee United arrive in the Highlands this afternoon sitting second in the table, and looking to close the gap on, league leaders, Ross County.

Robbie Neilson took over United earlier in the campaign and made a host of new signings in the January transfer window to improve the Arabs. United will be hoping Ayr United will have got a result last night against County, with the gap currently sitting a 6 points with 9 to play for.

Caley Thistle and United have met four times this season, with each encounter being extremely tight. ICTFC won the last meeting between the sides in the Scottish Cup, as Aaron Doran's goal in the dying minutes won the match. United however won the last league meeting thanks to a Nicky Clark penalty.

United recently signed Ayr United right-back Liam Smith on a pre-contract agreement for next season and also signed Mark Reynolds up for the following season also.

The overall record between the sides slightly favours United as it reads:

**ICTFC wins- 17, Draws- 20, Dundee United wins- 18**

# MATCH REPORT

13.04.19, HAMPDEN PARK, GLASGOW,  
SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL

**HEARTS 3**  
**INVERNESS CT 0**



CHALMERS HAD A TOUGH TASK IN MIDFIELD

**Three Second-half goals for Hearts earnt the Edinburgh side a place in the Scottish Cup Final, as they beat Inverness Caley Thistle 3-0 at Hampden Park.**

The first real chance fell to Hearts' target man, Uche Ikpeazu but his tame effort was held by Ridgers.

From the second half kick-off, Hearts attacked with more purpose and it became harder for the Caley Jags to beat them away. Olly Lee was quick to have a go from 40 yards out and his dipping effort was threatening enough for Mark Ridgers to have to tip it over.

Hearts got the breakthrough from the a short corner, Jake Mulraney was able to cut onto his right foot and shoot into a crowded six yard box and after it ricocheted between off some legs, Ikpeazu was able to stretch to put an effort on target.

From a set-piece, ICT almost drew level at the 55th minute. Chalmers beat the wall to put a shot into the top left corner. Somehow Bobby Zlamal managed to get a hand to it and to redirect it onto the frame of the goal and out.

Jamie McCart had the ball in the back of the net as he swivelled, evading his marker and then curled it spectacularly into the top corner. The linesman raised his flag to rule it as offside, with barely half a yard separating Jamie from the last man.

But Hearts would kill-off another chance of a Caley-induced heart attack by getting their second goal. Again from a corner, Lee's cross was flicked on by a Caley head and it was met at the back post by John Souttar with a volley.

And then Hearts added gloss with a third goal at the 73rd minute. Ridgers fouled Ikpeazu in the box and a penalty was awarded. Sean Clare stepped up to covert it.





JAMIE McCART IS DENIED AFTER A SMART FINISH & DORAN EVADES HIS MAN WHILST TRYING TO CREATE



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# MATCHDAY MASCOT

Carl Tremarco lead his daughter Mirabelle out at Hampden last week at our Scottish Cup semi-final against Hearts.

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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     |                       |

## DUNDEE UNITED

### ROBBIE NEILSON & GORDON FORREST

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 BENJAMIN SIEGRIST | 20 CHRISTOPH RABITSCH |
| 3 CALLUM BOOTH      | 22 SAM WARDROP        |
| 4 FREDERIC FRANS    | 25 CAMMY SMITH        |
| 7 PAUL MCMULLAN     | 29 LOGAN CHALMERS     |
| 8 FRASER FYVIE      | 30 MARK REYNOLDS      |
| 9 OSMAN SOW         | 34 ROSS LAIDLAW       |
| 10 NICKY CLARK      | 44 PAUL WATSON        |
| 12 SAM STANTON      | 47 IAN HARKES         |
| 13 MORGARO GOMIS    | 49 CHARLIE SEAMAN     |
| 14 PAVOL SAFRANKO   | 50 PETER PAWLETT      |
| 15 AIDAN NESBITT    | 55 MARK CONNOLLY      |
| 16 MATTY SMITH      | 90 YANNICK LOEMBA     |
| 19 RACHID BOUHENNA  |                       |