

# MATCHDAY

EDITION 15

SAT 12TH JAN **VS** AYR UNITED



## BOUNCING BACK

TRAFFORD ON CHANGING CLUB AND HIS OWN FORTUNES

**PLUS Q.O.T.S REPORT, FOOTBALL FANS IN TRAINING  
& BARRY WILSON'S YOUTH UPDATE**



The top of the page features a red banner with a background image of a stadium filled with spectators. Overlaid on the image is the word "WARRIOR" in a large, white, stylized font.

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# MANAGER PREVIEW

WITH JOHN ROBERTSON

Good afternoon and welcome to today's match against Ayr Utd in the Ladbrokes Championship here at the Caledonian Stadium. I would like to welcome Ian McCall, Sandy Stewart and their players, as well as, the fans that have travelled north for today's match and I'm sure it'll be another tough encounter.

The last game we played was at the start of the season and we were obviously disappointed not to take advantage of playing against ten men for an hour. We could not break down a stubborn and well organised Ayr defence and they still carried a threat on the break that day. In the end, they deserved to take the point home. Had we scored the penalty, that may well have changed the game but unfortunately we did not take that opportunity and in the end had to settle for a share of the spoils.

The last match at Somerset was, of course, postponed due to the horrendous overhead conditions and was the only real option for Craig Thomson on the evening, we will of course replay that fixture later on in the month.

Ayr possess a great team ethic and have had a tremendous first season back in the Championship with them thoroughly deserving of their lofty position. I am sure they will be determined to carry on their excellent form from 2018.

Last week saw us lose to Queens in a game that once more we had more than enough chances to win, we lost concentration for a minute and lost two goals that ultimately cost us the match.



It really has been the story of our season that we have created and missed bundles of chances in matches to get ourselves ahead and clear, this has come back to haunt us by the opposition taking advantage of our failure to kill them off.

There is only one simple cure to this and that is to continue to create these opportunities but to be clinical at both ends as the commitment and attitude of the players has been tremendous and they deserve so much more for their efforts.

We also require, what most teams need, and that is that little bit of luck as was witnessed when Tom Walsh hit the underside of the bar and Coll Donaldson the inside of the post either side of half time. We have told the players they must keep putting themselves in those positions and that our luck will change as we have no doubt that we have been performing well without getting our just rewards.

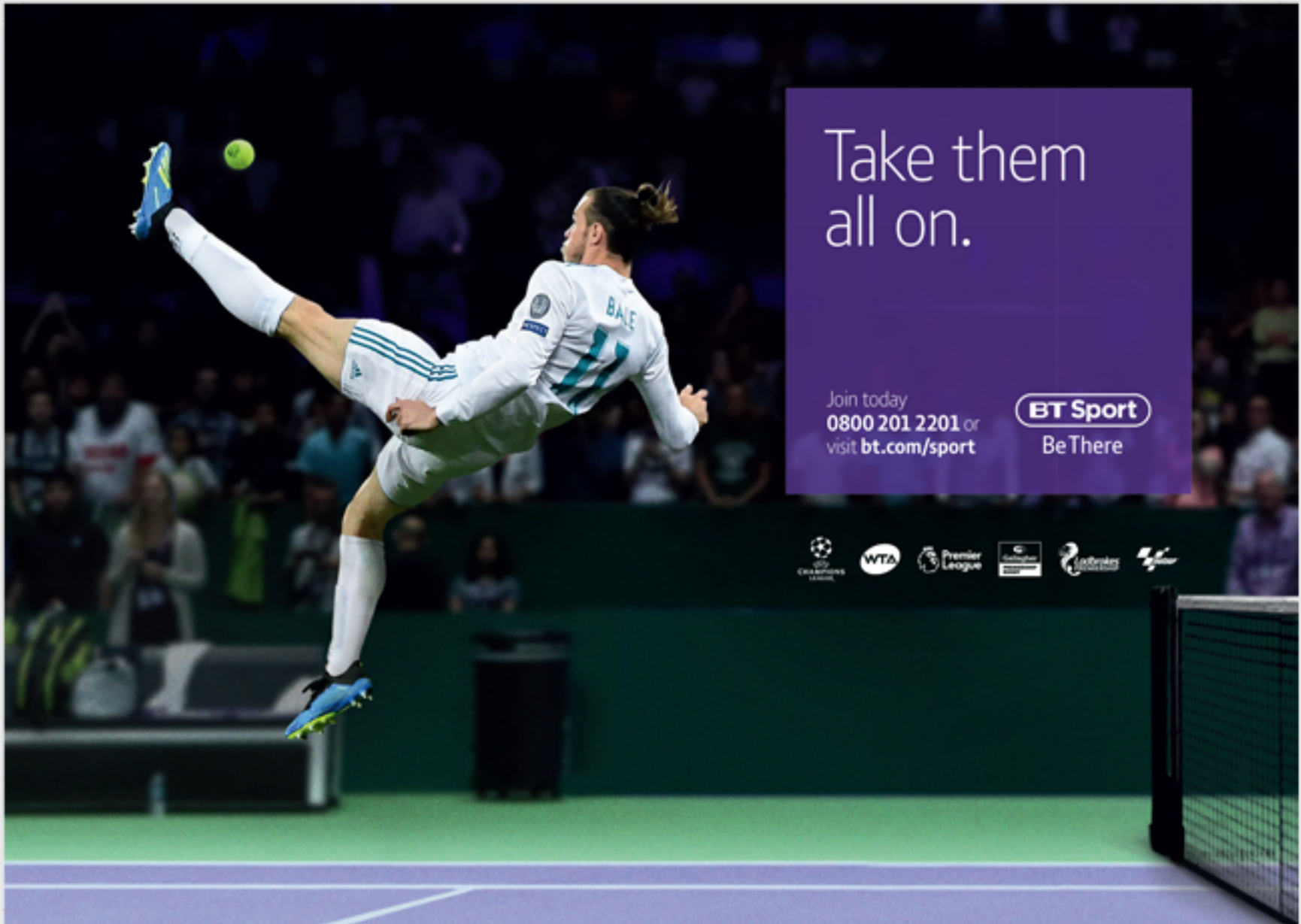
There would be no better time than today to start putting this right and I'm sure the players will go out and continue to create the opportunities required to win the match. We are continuing to try and get players in to the club and have made overtures to three players, we are awaiting their answer as we seek to strengthen the squad for the remainder of the season and hopefully they will be here sooner rather than later.

Once more I ask you to stay right behind the team with your terrific support!

Enjoy the match

***Robbo***



A full-page background image of Gareth Bale in a white Real Madrid kit, captured mid-air performing a bicycle kick. He is wearing blue and yellow boots. A yellow football is suspended in the air near his right foot. The background shows a blurred stadium crowd.

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# CAPTAIN CARL

## TREMARCO'S MATCH PREVIEW

Welcome to this afternoon's match against Ayr United, I hope you are all well.

Last week was annoying, I thought we played pretty well until the closing stages. It was a bit of a mad five minutes, it's something that's happened before in that we've conceded leads and we need to nip it in the bud.

I don't know how we do that to be honest, it seems to happen all over the world in football if you are only 1-0 up going into the closing stages of the game you end up always being on the back-foot. We need to try and be a bit more clever, see it quicker and adapt to it.

Today's game will be a tough one, last time they came up here we missed numerous chances and we should have won. They seem to have got better and better since then on but, I say the same thing week-in-week-out but if we turn up, create chances, put them away and keep the back-door shut then we won't be far away.

Enjoy the game,

***Carl Tremarco***



# FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Let me begin by thanking you for your loyal support. As the Championship season passes halfway, we extend a warm welcome to the representatives of Ayr United. We look forward to great football and a competitive match, fairly played and with no injuries.

The first half of the Championship season has been challenging for ICT, and everyone is keen to see the team get back to winning ways. Like you, I have observed our team serve up some terrific football, albeit the results have not always gone our way. It's not enough that we just do our best – inevitably, we need to work together and convert our efforts into victories. However good we play, we must always be ready to understand what happened, and what's required to get better. I know that John Robertson and his coaching staff are fully engaged in reviewing the experiences of past matches, and working diligently with the players to drive improvement across all aspects of our performance.

Having our supporters chanting and making noise can create an extraordinary atmosphere, and everyone at ICT benefits from that experience. What's important is that as supporters, we all get behind the manager and the team and show them our loyalty and encouragement. We are always ready to receive constructive feedback from our supporters, but ask that all of your match day commentary is provided respectfully and in a measured way.

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**



# COMMUNITY NEWS





CODE	DAY	DATES	VENUE	COURSE NAME	TIME	AGE	PRICE
HSS1	Mon	14th Jan-1st April	Hilton Primary (Hall)	S. School	4-4.45pm	5-6	38.50
HSS2	Mon	14th Jan-1st April	Hilton Primary (Hall)	S. School	4.50-5.35pm	7-8	38.50
HSS3	Mon	14th Jan-1st April	Hilton Primary (Hall)	S. School	5.40-6.25pm	9-14	38.50
ML1	Tues	15th Jan-2nd April	MOL (Hall)	Nessie	4.30-5.15pm	3-4	38.50
ML2	Tues	15th Jan-2nd April	MOL (Hall)	4v4 Centre	5.20-6.05pm	5-7	38.50
ML3	Tues	15th Jan-2nd April	MOL (Hall)	4v4 Centre	6.10-6.55pm	8-14	38.50
SP1	Wed	16th Jan-3rd April	Smithton Primary (Hall)	S. School	4-4.45pm	5-8	38.50
SP2	Wed	16th Jan-3rd April	Smithton Primary (Hall)	S. School	4.50-5.35pm	9-14	38.50
HN3	Thurs	17th Jan-4th April	Hilton Primary (Hall)	Nessie	4-4.45pm	3-4	42.00
HN5	Thurs	17th Jan-4th April	Hilton Primary (Hall)	S. School	4.50-5.35pm	5-6	42.00
HSS4	Thurs	17th Jan-4th April	Hilton Primary (Hall)	Girls ONLY	5.40-6.25pm	5-12	42.00
GK1	Fri	18th Jan-5th April	MOL School (Astro)	Safe Hands	4-4.45pm	6-10	42.00
GK2	Fri	18th Jan-5th April	MOL School (Astro)	Safe Hands	4.50-5.35pm	11-16	42.00

\* Excluding Monday 17th Feb

\*\* Excluding Tuesday 18th Feb

\*\*\* Excluding Wednesday 19th Feb

Feb-01	Mon-Wed	17th,18th,19th Feb	MOL (Astro)	Hotshots	10-11.30pm	5-8Yrs	15.00
Feb-02	Mon-Wed	17th,18th,19th Feb	MOL (Astro)	Hotshots	12.30-2.00pm	9-14Yrs	15.00
Feb-03	Mon-Wed	17th,18th,19th Feb	MOL (Astro)	Hotshots	10am-2pm	5-14Yrs	30.00
Feb-04	Mon-Wed	17th,18th,19th Feb	MOL (Astro)	Invite Only	10am-2pm	7-10Yrs	30.00



# COMMUNITY NEWS



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A man with dark hair and a beard, smiling, wearing a blue sports jersey. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting.

# CHARLIE TRAFFORD

TALKS TRYING TO BREAK INTO THE SIDE



Charlie Trafford is hoping for a Caley Thistle response this afternoon as we face Ayr Utd after losing our last two matches against Ross County and Queen of the South.

Charlie has said the moral in the camp is positive and high as everyone is pulling together and focusing on turning results around. Results have been the issue for the Caley Jags recently after encouraging performances.

Looking forward to today's game, Trafford said: "It is always exciting playing one of the sides above you in the league, it puts a lot of pressure on the game and with results not being the best for us right now."

"We're still close enough that we are in touching distance but it's an important game for us, I think the boys are excited for it and training has been good this week so we're looking forward to getting going."

The Canadian continued: "There's been a lot of talk that we've been playing well but the results are not coming so it's about tinkering I guess and getting things right."

"Everyone's moral is coming back up after few days of it being down but everyone is looking forward to getting going again and getting us back on the right track."

Trafford has made 16 appearances for the Caley Jags this season but has been mainly on the bench recently. The midfielder wants to remain ready when called upon and is pulling together with the rest of the squad.

Trafford said: "I'm just trying to stay ready whenever the chance comes. Obviously it's really frustrating, it's even worse when the results aren't going our way, we're losing matches and you are sitting there helplessly. It's frustrating but it is a team game so I'm just being patient and going from there."

Caley Thistle have made one January signing in the form of Kevin McHattie and Trafford has been

impressed with him in training so far this season as he praised the former Derry and Hearts player. Trafford said: "He's brilliant technically, he's very good with the ball and left footed so he's something a bit more attacking but he's also very solid defensively. I think it is a very good addition to the side so it strengthens the side even more and gives us a bit of depth, I'm looking forward to seeing what he can do for us."

Caley Thistle may be quite short in numbers this afternoon with Brad McKay and Shaun Rooney suspend, while other players are doubt with injuries and sickness. Trafford said: "One of the difficulties of coming up to this stage of the season is there will be a lot of injuries, suspensions and all that to deal with. It's about banding and sticking together as a squad to get through these tough period and hopefully we bounce back today."

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MANAGER  
**IAN  
MCCALL**

## PAST RESULTS

**D** 0-0  
HOME, 11.08.18  
LEAGUE

**L** 1-0  
AWAY, 24.08.11  
LEAGUE CUP

**W** 0-7  
AWAY, 24.04.10  
LEAGUE

**AYR UNITED**  
THE OPPONENT



It has been a phenomenal season for the Honest Men so far, with Ayr sitting second in the Ladbrokes Championship and just three points behind, league leaders, Ross County with a game in hand.

The club this week released a strong statement ensuring the Ayr supporters that no player would be leaving the club this window unless they were loaned back to the club. Already this window, Ayr have received offers for Liam Smith, Micheal Rose, Michael Moffat and, top scorer, Lawrence Shankland.

Shankland has netted 28 goals in 26 games this season which has seen him attract interest from clubs across the UK. Ian McCall's side are without Lawrence Shankland, Jamie Adams, Mark Kerr, Liam Smith and Alan Forrest while Andy Murdoch is suspended for today's match.

The head-to-head record is slightly in favor of the Caley Jags as they have won 12 encounters between the sides, there has been 11 Draws and Ayr have won 7 encounters.

# YOUTH TEAM ROUND-UP

WITH BARRY WILSON



We're delighted with the results in the first half of the season, our performances have been good and that's the most important thing with the kids as it about performances and them improving. We think the squad are improving and the test will be the upcoming games against the Elite teams.

Our last four or five games before the break were against the Elite teams, we managed to win two or three of them then we lost to Rangers and also narrowly against Aberdeen, a couple of days after taking Celtic to extra time in the Cup. The Aberdeen match was hard on the lads, they feel if they were fresher then they would have equipped themselves better. They've come back now, they've had a couple of weeks rest and they are raring to go.

We have games coming up against Hibs and Hearts, before we head off to Portugal for their training trip, so the boys will be looking forward to that and also looking forward to getting back playing again.

The boys will be training in Portugal and we'll have a couple of friendlies out there too. We head out there on the 10th of February so the boys are looking forward to that. We've then got Hibs, Hearts and Celtic so we're playing up against the elite sides when we return to league action. We got the league table through the other day and the boys are 20 points clear

at the top so that speaks volumes for their consistency levels, so it's important that we don't take our foot off the pedal and keep going, set their standards higher, make sure they go and win the league. Again, more importantly, keep up the good performances and, for some of them, make sure they are ready for when the manager needs them. For others, hopefully one or two more will get that chance to break into the first team if they continue to impress.

We've got Matheus Machado is one who, hopefully his full registration will go through shortly and he will be available for selection, we need to get him ready for if or when the manager needs him. He's looking sharp and Ryan Fyffe has also been involved in squads and on the bench so it's all good!

Seeing the youngsters getting opportunities is the main thing for an U18s coach and when they have got themselves in the first team, they haven't let themselves down and that's the most important thing. We have to make sure they are ready for, if and when, the manager needs them, it's been good to see Cammy get a proper debut, Roddy now has four or five appearances under his belt, little cameos at the end of games and he'll only get better.

**Barry Wilson**



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**QUEEN OF THE SOUTH 2**



TOM WALSH DRIVING AN ATTACK ON THE WING

Caley Thistle suffered a disappointing 2-1 defeat against Queen of the South at the Tulloch Caledonian Stadium with Scott Mercer and Stephen Dobbie scoring two goals in two minutes to win the game for Queens.

Carl Tremarco made his first appearance since October as he replaced the suspended Shaun Rooney in the starting eleven. New signing Kevin McHattie made an appearance on the bench.

Liam Polworth had the first chance for the Caley Jags but his effort was held by Martin while Queens had a chance moments later as Doyle picked out Todd but his effort was over the bar.

Walsh then picked out White in the box but Scott Mercer cleared the ball off the line. White then saw another effort saved by Martin while Walsh hit the underside of the crossbar as he was inches away from giving the Caley Jags the lead.

After the break, Coll Donaldson hit the post with a diving header after meeting a corner from Joe Chalmers, as Brad McKay couldn't turn the rebound in.

Caley Thistle finally got the lead they deserved on the 69th minute as Tremarco's cross was flicked on by White to Walsh, who's volley flew past Martin.

Queens stayed in the game and got their reward as Jordan Marshall's cross was turned in by Mercer at the back-post to level the game.

Queens then got their winner straight afterwards as McKay lost the ball and Donaldson slipped and Dobbie went on a good run to fire past Ridgers and win the match.

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## ICTFC

### JOHN ROBERTSON & SCOTT KELLACHER

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 MARK RIDGERS   | 15 SEAN WELSH         |
| 2 SHAUN ROONEY   | 19 JORDAN WHITE       |
| 3 CARL TREMARCO  | 22 BRAD MCKAY         |
| 4 JOE CHALMERS   | 23 DANIEL MACKAY      |
| 5 COLL DONALDSON | 24 CHARLIE TRAFFORD   |
| 6 JAMIE MCCART   | 25 OWAIN FON WILLIAMS |
| 7 LIAM POLWORTH  | 29 KEVIN MCHATTIE     |
| 8 ANGUS BEITH    | 31 CAMERON MACKAY     |
| 9 NATHAN AUSTIN  | 35 RODDY MACGREGOR    |
| 10 AARON DORAN   | 37 JACK BROWN         |
| 11 TOM WALSH     | 42 DANIEL HOBAN       |
| 14 GEORGE OAKLEY | 40 CAMERON HARPER     |

## AYR UNITED

### IAN MCCALL & SANDY STEWART

- |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 ROSS DOOHAN     | 14 DAVID FERGUSON     |
| 2 CHRIS HIGGINS   | 15 STEVEN BELL        |
| 3 DANIEL HARVIE   | 16 JAMIE ADAMS        |
| 4 MARK KERR       | 17 LAWRENCE SHANKLAND |
| 5 MICHAEL ROSE    | 18 ANDY MURDOCH       |
| 6 ANDY GEGGAN     | 19 ELLIS HARE-REID    |
| 7 MICHAEL MOFFAT  | 21 FINN ECREPONT      |
| 8 RAB CRAWFORD    | 23 ROSS DOCHERTY      |
| 9 CRAIG MOORE     | 25 LUKE MCCOWAN       |
| 10 ALAN FORREST   | 26 STUART FAULDS      |
| 11 DECLAN MCDAID  | 27 LIAM SMITH         |
| 12 CRAIG MCGUFFIE |                       |