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CARL TREMARCO TALKS MILESTONES AND HOPES.

PLUS HIGHLAND DERBY REVIEW, OCTOBER HOTSHOTS & A STUNNING CHRISTIE THROWBACK

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MANAGER PREVIEW WITH JOHN ROBERTSON

Good afternoon and welcome to today's Ladbrokes Championship clash with Queen of the South. I would like to welcome Gary Naysmith and his players, the Directors and, of course, the fans who have made the long journey North today.

Last week saw us battle out a goalless draw with Ross County, and I was very pleased with our performance. Only a sterling display from Scott Fox in the County goal kept us from winning the match, and indeed County nearly snatched all 3 points with a couple of very late chances, but it would have been a huge injustice had they nicked the winner.

The league, as expected, is shaping up to be very tight and is becoming very much like a game of snakes and ladders where one or two victories can see you go top of the table and one or two defeats can see you drop several places. This will be a trend for most of the season I suspect, so it is vitally important to keep picking up wins on a regular basis.

We have made a very bright start to the season but, as I have repeated in the press, the first quarter of the season is about gathering as many points as we can and then we can re-assess going in to the following round of games. The players have worked tirelessly to pick the points up so far and have been playing some great football as well.

Queens will be out to cause us problems today, and whilst the early season plaudits have rightly been thrown at Stephen Dobbie for his phenomenal start to the season with and incredible 21 goals, we know that their side has many dangerous and creative players that will be equally dangerous if we do not concentrate fully. We have made the players fully aware of that.

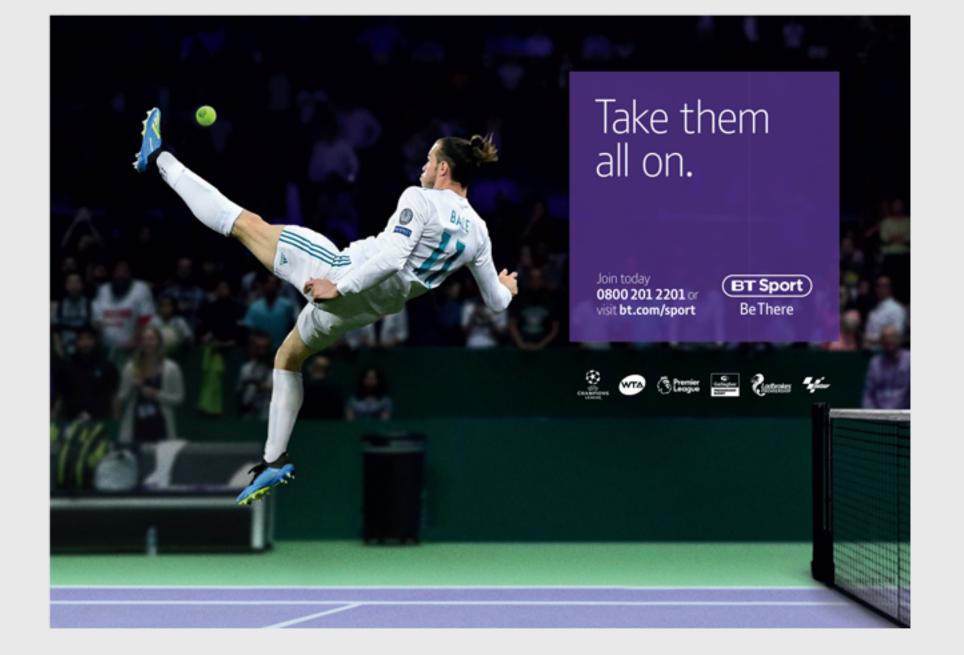


Today will see our captain Carl Tremarco record his 150th appearance for the club, he along with Liam Polworth and Aaron Doran have recently passed big milestones in appearances for the club. All three have been tremendous servants for the club throughout the last 5-6 seasons. They have all have made considerable contributions to the clubs great success over the years, and we hope over the years to come as well.

Our support in Dingwall was absolutely tremendous and the players were commenting after the match what brilliant backing they got from the first to the last whistle, and we hope that you will once again roar us on today!

Enjoy the match

Robbo



CAPTAIN CARL TREMARCO'S MATCH PREVIEW

Welcome to this afternoon's match against Queen of the South, I hope you're all well.

I would like to welcome the coaches, players, directors and fans from Queen of the South who have made the long journey North today.

I think the County game last week was quite good, especially the first 60 to 65 minutes I thought we dominated. I thought we were the team that were looking to play and on a day where we take our chances then we could be walking in at half-time a couple of goals up.

Today is one of two massive home games in a row, if we win both I'm pretty confident we'll be top of the league going into the last game of the quarter. Compare this year to last year and if we finish this year how we finished last then it'll be a really good team that stops us going all the way.

Thanks again for your support, enjoy the game!

Carl Tremarco

Read more thoughts from Carl in an exclusive interview with him on page 10

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Let me begin by saying thank you for your loyal support. The Inverness Caledonian Thistle supporters at our game against Ross County were tremendous and made for an extraordinary atmosphere - it really does matter to everyone at the Club.

The start of the season has been positive for Inverness Caledonian Thistle, and everyone is committed to helping the team to continue doing well. Following the game in Dingwall, the first team have now gone 17 league matches without defeat – winning may not be everything but wanting to win certainly is!

As in life, it's vital that we keep trying to adapt and advance and never give up. There are many great things happening at Inverness Caledonian Thistle - both on and off the pitch. What is important is that as steadfast supporters, we unite behind our manager and his footballers, and demonstrate our collective allegiance and patronage for this great Club. As the Championship season gathers momentum, we extend a warm welcome to the representatives of Queen of the South FC. We look forward to great football and a competitive match, fairly played and with no injuries.

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 - 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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OH1	Mon-Fri	15-19 Oct	Millburn Academy	ICTFC Hotshots	10-11.30am	5-8	£30
OH2	Mon-Fri	15-19 Oct	Millburn Academy	ICTFC Hotshots	12.30-2pm	9-14	£30
ОНЗ	Mon-Fri	15-19 Oct	Millburn Academy	ICTFC Hotshots	10am-2.00pm	5-14	£60
ОН4	Mon-Fri	15-19 Oct	Millburn Academy	INVITATION	10am-2.00pm	7-10	£60
OH5	Mon-Fri	22-26 Oct	Lochaber High Sch	ICTFC Hotshots	10-11.30am	5-8	£30
ОН6	Mon-Fri	22-26 Oct	Lochaber High Sch	ICTFC Hotshots	12.30-2.00pm	9-14	£30
OH7	Mon-Fri	22-26 Oct	Lochaber High Sch	ICTFC Hotshots	10am-2.00pm	5-14	£60
OH8	Mon/Tues	22-23 Oct	Aviemore Primary	ICTFC Hotshots	10-11.30am	5-8	£12
ОН9	Mon/Tues	22-23 Oct	Aviemore Primary	ICTFC Hotshots	12.30-2.00pm	9-14	£12
OH10	Mon/Tues	22-23 Oct	Aviemore Primary	ICTFC Hotshots	10am-2.00pm	5-14	£25
OH11	Wed/Thurs	24-25 Oct	Riverside Pitch Nairn	ICTFC Hotshots	10-11.30am	5-8	£12
OH12	Wed/Thurs	24-25 Oct	Riverside Pitch Nairn	ICTFC Hotshots	12.30-2.00pm	9-14	£12
OH13	Wed/Thurs	24-25 Oct	Riverside Pitch Nairn	ICTFC Hotshots	10am-2.00pm	5-14	£25



CARL TREMARCO

CALEY JAGS CAPTAIN TALKS ABOUT HITTING 150

In the summer Carl Tremarco was appointed the Caley Thistle Captain and today he is set to make his 150th appearance for the club. Tremarco joins Liam Polworth (150) and Aaron Doran (200) in reaching big appearance milestones this year for ICTFC.

Tremarco joined the club in 2013, from Macclesfield Town, after a stint at Maltese club Floriana on loan. Since signing for the Caley Jags he has played in cup finals, scoring the winner in one, seen the club qualify for Europe, sufferer disappointment in being relegated and losing cup finals too. He really has seen it all!

When asked about reaching the 150 appearance milestone, Tremarco said: "It's nice! Over the period of 5 years, around 30 appearances a season, it's not too bad! I'm quite proud of reaching 150 games, especially with the nasty knee injury I sustained. Hopefully I'll get 150 more!" Tremarco also looked back on some of his fondest memories at the club, the three cup finals that he was a part of during his time at the club were the main highlights.

Tremarco enjoyed the experience of the League Cup final in 2014 against Aberdeen, even though he was on the losing side that afternoon as it was his first taste of a national cup final.

The ICTFC Captain said: "Even the Cup final we lost was a special memory, as a player it





was my first taste of a major cup final and even though we didn't win it, it was a special experience and something that will live with me forever."

"The two other cup final wins speak for themselves. They are stuff you think about a lot, they never fade away. I walk into the stadium every day and see the memories so there is no hiding away from it."

Tremarco wants to use the past successes to help him spur the team on even further. The previous cup final experiences have made him hungry for more and he is trying to drum that into the current squad.

He said: "They are great memories, it makes me hungry and I try and drum into the boys what we've had before and what it's like. It's the best feeling in the world when you win something or are successful and we want to take a bit of that into this season and this squad of players. "

"It might not happen in a cup for us this year but in the league, hopefully, we can get a bit of silverware there by the end of the season."

This afternoon, the Caley Jags take on Queen of the South. Queens have the dangerous Stephen Dobbie among their ranks, who has netted 21 goals in 13 matches this season, Tremarco thinks it's impossible to prepare for just one player even if they have undoubted quality.

Tremarco said: "I don't think you ever prepare for one player, we know if we're at it then no team in this league can live with us. We have to keep their best players quiet, Dobbie could turn up and score three but we should score four or five if we're at it."

"It makes no difference, he is a threat but as a defender I'm just going to focus on keeping the backdoor shut, keeping their attackers quiet and letting our attackers flourish"

Away from his first team duties, Carl is also doing his coaching badges and coaching is something he is very much interested in continuing to develop.

Tremarco said: "I've been doing the coaching for the past two or three seasons and I'm looking to jump on another course sometime in April. It's something I'm very keen on doing and I'm enjoying it. I'm enjoying taking the under-16s at the minute and getting my teeth into that so it's really good."

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MANAGER GARY NAYSMITH

PAST RESULTS

W 2-0 AWAY, 07.04.18 LEAGUE

W 3-1 HOME, 13.01.18 LEAGUE

D 0-0 AWAY, 02.12.17 LEAGUE

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH THE OPPONENT

Queen of the South come to the Caledonian Stadium sitting 7th in the Championship table as they've taken 8 points from their opening 6 matches. Queens are the highest scorers in the division with 13 goals scored already this season; the sensational Stephen Dobbie has been in fine form this term, scoring 21 goals in 13 games in all competitions.

Queens added to their squad in the summer as they brought in Gary Harkins (Morton), Josh Todd (St Mirren), Michael Doyle (Morton), Dean Watson (Carlisle), David Norman Jr (Vancouver), Adam Frizzell (Kilmarnock, Ioan), Callum Semple (Sheff Utd) and Declan Tremble (Abbey Vale). Queens will be looking for a response this afternoon, after losing 3-2 to Partick Thistle in their last outing.

Caley Thistle were unbeaten in the four meetings between the sides last year, winning two games and drawing the other two, with both draws being goalless. Caley Thistle have the better head-to-head between the sides winning 13 matches against Queens, compared to their 8 wins against Caley Thistle and there has been 6 draws between the sides.



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THROWBACK RYAN CHRISTIE STUNNER

26.09.15, SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE PITTODRIE STADIUM, ABERDEEN

In 2015, Ryan Christie scored one of the best goals of his career as Inverness beat Aberdeen at the Tulloch Caledonian Stadium.

Aberdeen had arrived as league leaders, but Miles Storey gave the Caley Jags the lead after just 8 minutes as he finished past Dons keeper Danny Ward after meeting a great cross from Ryan Christie.

Christie then unleashed his strike from range to make it 2-0 to the Caley Jags, Danny Ward had no chance in saving the powerful effort from around 30 yards. The goal will go down as one the best scored at the Caledonian Stadium.

Before half-time, Ash Taylor got Aberdeen back into the game with a header. Pawlett and Goodwillie hit the woodwork for Aberdeen in the closing stages of the game.

Christie was sent off for a second yellow card late on in what will go down as one of the most eventful matches of his career. Christie would return to his parent club Celtic in January of 2016, with him then spending two seasons on loan at the Dons in the following two seasons.

ICTFC XI that Day: Fon Williams, Raven, Devine, Meekings, Williams, Draper, Tansey, Polworth, Christie, Vincent, Storey.





MATCH REPORT

22.09.18, GLOBAL ENERGY STADIUM DINGWALL, SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP

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The first Highland Derby ended 0-0 in Dingwall last Saturday, with chances for both sides in an entertaining goalless draw.

John Robertson admitted that he was disappointed with the draw after a good performance from his side. ICTFC should have had the lead after just a minute as Liam Polworth's low drive was inches wide of the post.

Michael Gardyne went close as his shot was just inches wide of the post and Aaron Doran had his shot tipped over the bar by Scott Fox.

Doran went close again as hit shot was smothered by Fox, while the rebound couldn't quite fall to Jordan White. Liam Polworth also tested Fox with a free-kick which the County keeper had to push over the bar.

In the second-half, Billy Mckay went close with a header but it was collected by Ridgers. Polworth went for a chip from around 30 yards but his effort was over.

There was a late chance for Sean Welsh but his shot was fired over the bar and Michael Gardyne had the chance to win it late on for County but his shot was also over the bar.

SQUADS

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ICTFC

JOHN ROBERTSON & SCOTT KELLACHER

- 1 MARK RIDGERS
- 2 SHAUN ROONEY
- 3 CARL TREMARCO
- 4 JOE CHALMERS
- 5 COLL DONALDSON
- 6 JAMIE MCCART
- 7 LIAM POLWORTH
- 8 ANGUS BEITH
- 9 NATHAN AUSTIN
- 10 AARON DORAN
- 11 TOM WALSH
- 14 GEORGE OAKLEY

- 15 SEAN WELSH
- 16 RICCARDO CALDER
 - 19 JORDAN WHITE
 - 22 BRAD MCKAY
 - 24 CHARLIE TRAFFORD
 - 25 OWAIN FON WILLIAMS
 - 27 DANIEL MACKAY
 - 31 CAMERON MACKAY
 - 33 CAMERON HARPER
 - 37 JACK BROWN
 - **42** DANIEL HOBAN

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH

GARY NAYSMITH & DOUGIE ANDERSON

- 1 ALAN MARTIN
- 3 JORDAN MARSHALL
- 4 CALLUM FORDYCE 19 OWEN BELL
- 5 DARREN BROWNLIE
- 6 MICHAEL DOYLE
- 7 ANDREW STIRLING
- 8 KYLE JACOBS
- 10 JOSH TODD
- 11 STEPHEN DOBBIE
- 14 GARY HARKINS
- 15 CHARLIE EXLEY

- 16 DEAN WATSON
- 2 SCOTT MERCER 17 CONNOR MURRAY
 - 18 DECLAN TREMBLE

 - 20 JACK LEIGHFIELD
 - 21 ADAM FRIZZELL
 - 22 DAVID NORMAN JR
 - 23 EWAN GOURLAY
 - 24 DANIEL HARVEY
 - 25 LYDON DYKES
 - 26 ROBBIE IVISON

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