

Jim Baxter documentary to air on BBC ALBA this week



A documentary about Scottish football icon Jim Baxter will air for the first time on Thursday 24th September at 9pm on BBC ALBA. It is presented by broadcaster Alex O'Henley and produced and directed by Margot McCuaig.

The hour-long factual entertainment documentary is an intimate portrayal of the life of Jim Baxter, and examines the man behind the headlines both on and off the pitch. The film is peppered with humorous archive footage of the man himself as well as interviews from those who knew and loved him the best, including his parents and his partner Norma Morton.

Major football stars appear in the programme including Denis Law, Pat Crerand and Davie Wilson, iconic players sharing fascinating insights into what it was like to know and play with Jim Baxter.

Earlier today Raith Rovers legends Jim Thorburn and Denis Mochan turned out in support of their participation in new documentary,

To help promote Jim Baxter, the former players met the media to chat about their contribution to the documentary and discuss their memories of the Scotland and Rangers icon.

purpleTV are the team behind the highly successful documentaries Honeyballers, Gothenburg '83, and Tartan Pride, as well as the award winning Jock Stein which won the Royal Television Society Scotland award for Best Sport Film in 2015.

Director of 'Jim Baxterr', Margot McCuaig said: "Jim Baxter was a working class hero and his story is an integral element

of Scottish popular life and is embedded in our cultural consciousness. His story is both inspiring and tragic, and I am sure that the story of his life will have an impact on the BBC ALBA audience.”

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