



Vs Weir Rec
16th Aug 2008, Stepps
KO: 2.30pm



It was the second instalment of a double header which presented Clyde with another shot at more silverware. With Clyde securing the Referee's shield in the morning with an emphatic 8-0 victory over opponents AC Milanda the mood in the camp before kick off was upbeat. The RR was up at the fortress early to take in the opening day atmosphere and the Clyde hierarchy had even put on some pre-match entertainment with the Rocketts doing a pre-match show. The Glamour Boys unfortunately missed it as they were still in the dressing room raring to go. The RR is wondering what is next? A turnstile? A Stand? Pies and Bovril? He feels this club is going places.

Coach Vincent Bryson was happy to stick with the same formation after Tuesday nights friendly win over Queens Park, utilising two central screening midfielders and allowing the simple looking midfielder a free role behind the sole striker McLennan. Clyde's line up was Hamilton (P), Paddy, Hill, Shanta (ex-goal machine), McBride, Parr, Teeeeeeeeemo, Tam, Corpral Birse, Downs, and Sausage Fingers. Leaving a healthy bench of The old yin, pike and "my missus says I shouldn't be playing two games in one day with my leg like this, come on the tigers" Murray.

The game was delayed due to traffic problems with the Referee and the away team turning up close to kick off. When the game finally got underway, the lack of preparation showed for the away side, as they were slow out of the blocks and Clyde dominated early on. For all the pressure and chances Clyde had, they could not find a way through to open the scoring. Twenty five minutes with another penetrating run down the right hand side between Parr and Paddy, resulted in a horrific tackle that may sideline big red for a few weeks. Murray was called in to action sooner than he'd hoped but he slotted in and looked comfortable throughout. Thirty minutes in and Sausage fingers opened his seasons account with a neat finish to end a nice flowing move by Clyde. To be honest the RR was actually in the bushes watering the horse when this goal happened so he copied a local reporters notes for that one. Five minutes later more pressure from the Clyde resulted in Mark Shanta's first opportunity. Shanta hitting the bar from inside the six yard box when it looked easier to score. With Clyde comfortably in control and early candidate for goal of the season came their way. With the ball sponsored by Hamilton Haulage, TEEEEEMMMMMOOOOO unleashed an unstoppable twenty five yarder. Clyde two up and cruising. Weir's rarely troubled Shanta and Hill at the back, the RR is struggling to remember a clear cut chance for Weir's in the first half.

With Clyde upbeat at half time words of wisdom from Vinny hit home that Clyde needed to press home their advantage even further "score first and second" was the order of the day. No changes at half time even though Tam had played the full ninety in the morning he still looked fresh enough to keep screening behind big Ja. The second half started just the way the first half had ended. Big Ja was starting to pull the strings to present chance after chance. He even looked to be getting targeted by the Weir's midfield, but they couldn't get near the big guy. Ja did everything but score during this game. It looks like the big guy is thriving in the hole behind the striker. Ten minutes in McLennan pounced on a Ja through ball to round the keeper and with an empty net waiting the cry of "don't miss it" from sausage fingers dad was priceless. The capacity crowd of 9 were certainly getting their moneys worth. With the game heading to a close you could see the ex-goal machine Mark Shanta getting itchy. Clyde were pressing forward with Ja on the ball when Shanta passed the big guy like he was towing a caravan. Burst through the defence only to fire the ball wide. He followed that with another sitter over the bar too. The changes happened with Pike coming on for the injured Johnny Parr and the old yin coming on for tired Tam and freeing up Shanta to play in midfield. With the game five minutes from time a great move was coolly finished by the well travelled pikey to make the game 4-0. To say that Clyde could've had another three goals in the last five minutes is an understatement. A few bad decisions were made when simple drag backs could've seen Pike, Shanta and Ja getting on the score sheet. You greedy guys know who you are!

With last seasons top scorer Capp still to come back, Clyde looked impressive in the afternoon. A good start to the cup campaign and with Milton and Newton Mearns drawing 1-1 the Clyde take an early advantage in a difficult group.