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Strathy Two's Give Strathy One's a Wake Up Call

A glamour friendly was hastily organised to allow boys a good run out with Christmas approaching. With the first team in action on Saturday against Links United, it was a game that was being used to showboat the 2nd teams talent along with getting the 1st team prepared for Saturday.

The RR braved the weather to take in this game knowing that a few of the 2nd team have been waiting for their chance to impress. With a fair few call offs from both squads, 3rd team players were drafted in to get their chance too. The teams lined up:

1st team

1. Dave Pat
2. Paddy
3. McCall
4. Heggie
5. Davey Hill
6. Johnny Parr
7. Sean
8. Shanta Mark
9. Timo
10. Capp
11. Thommo

2nd Team

1. Mike McKenzie
2. Bruce
3. Phil
4. DRX
5. Moray
6. Ross Cormack
7. Niall Troy McClure
8. Beggsy
9. Ross Wilson
10. Doc
11. Hammy
12. John Rox

With bodies arriving at different times throughout the first 15 minutes, teams went from 9 on 9 to 11 on 12. But this settled eventually. Notable absentees from the 1st team were the Flying Potato (why am I called that?), Scott "Sausage Fingers" McLennan and Ja "chocolate" binks. It was rumoured the flying potato was tucking in to his 20th turkey and trimmings dinner of this week, hopefully he was not getting his phone switched into Turkish or his sticky



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toffee pudding put in his pint like the Rank shirt night. It was also rumoured that Ja was under his duvet as he was feeling delicate after the weekend and that Sausage fingers was indeed not up to the challenge.

Coach Bryson was eager to get the team that performed well on Saturday up against the fancied first team. With their tails up the 2nd team kicked off the game into the wind. Some good early touches from both sides in the open 15 allowed both teams to test each other out. Capp came closest and with his puffy right foot he passed the ball into Mikes hand from all of two yards, this reporter knows that a certain goal machine known as the Docinator would've ripped the net off from that range. Both sides really did test each other out, especially in the wide areas, but for the first 30 both defences did well and kept the score at 0-0.

The team went in for five minutes and Coach Bryson issued some words of wisdom to his troop whilst the first team seemed to juts look over in wonder as McCall was boring the tits off them. The 2nd team came out the brighter of the two teams with some great link up play down the left with Phil and Troy. Chances were coming. This 1st team pushed forward down the right and left flanks earning numerous corners. Sean's deliveries were causing some problems, but Capp seemed to only want to clear the ball when he won a header against DRX or Moray. Then the turning point in the game came. Troy McClure went off injured. The 2nd teams man advantage had gone. It was a shame for the lad as he was getting a lot of the ball and was showing why he is held in high regard. With the teams now balanced it seemed to free up the extra space both sides needed to get at each others defences. Beggsy and Wilson both getting more space on the ball and the industrious two of Timo and Shanta were also starting to push forward. Then wit h about sixty minutes played the flash point of the game, Hammy was about to rise for a header in the box only to be battered from behind by a clumsy tackle from Shanta, surely a penalty. NO! The ones then broke and McBride danced through the two's midfield and was eventually fouled by DRX. A free kick twenty yards out and the two's lining up their wall with Mike on his post. Heggie strode up and passed the ball into the empty net, something that was not befitting of the occasion. If it was a proper game this reporter would say that the free kick would've been re-spotted and Heggie shown a yellow card. However, the 2nd team got back on with it and went straight at the 1st team. With the 1st team smelling blood they pressed for the second, but the back four martialed well by Moray and the ageless DRX kept them at bay. Another attack down the left from the one's was stopped by a good interception from Bruce. He played it in to Beggsy who found Doc in the middle of the pitch. Doc, with his injury nightmares behind him, had the vision to reverse his pass into Corpral Foxy's path. The fox then outstripped McCall (who looked like he was running in quicksand) and rifled a shot into the back of the net at the near post. The two's were back and the ones were rattled. Now it was the two's that smelt blood they went after that second goal with gusto. Then it happened a snap shot from the right hand side of the box was spilled by Dave, it looked like it was going to be a penalty as a two foot four midget was wrestling with Doc, then Doc broke free and smashed home the second from all of two yards. The two's were up two one. It looked at this stage there was only going to be one winner and that was the two's. They were the more dynamic of the teams and looked more dangerous going forward. It would be fair to say that the two's back four were rarely troubled as the ones often tried to over complicate things out wide. With the clock winding down it looked like the two's were going to hold on for a famous victory. Then with only seconds remaining the ones broke down the left and bundled the ball into Capp, who then poked it



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through to Shanta who bundled the ball into the back of the net. A goal that was not deserved and spared the blushes of the ones.

Penalty's came and went, only thing to note is that Heggie missed in sudden death to hand victory to two's.

This was a great game to play in and a great game to watch. Stand outs for the night from both teams were Ross Wilson, Stevie Beggs, Niall McClure, Corpral, McBride, and Timo.

It has to be said that the boys from the 3's showed how well they are doing and when required they can make the step up without a second thought. Thommo fitted in well to the first team, as did Bruce, Ross C and beggsy to the second team.

All in all, it was a good night and all enjoyed it. Here is to the next one in the new year.

The RR wishes all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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