



Vs Bearsden
Saturday 27th September
Bearsden
KO 2.00 pm



Team: Pete, Paddy, Shanta, Hammy Tall, McCall, JP, Ja, Timo, Sean, Capp, McLennan.
Subs: Calum, Tam, Calum Mc

The Clyde lined up against Bearsden looking to extend their five match unbeaten run and progress towards qualification for the league cup final. Clyde shaped in up in the regular 4-4-2 formation, with Paddy coming in for the absent Captain Heggie and Ja replacing Johnny Gordon. With the rare event of Heggie missing a game, the armband was handed to the head of the Irish Mafia himself, big Ja. Only those who had paid their protection money were safe.

Clyde started brightly on a much improved Bearsden pitch, which was both wide and a decent surface. The early stages saw Clyde control much of the possession, but without creating too many clear opportunities. Continuing their recent form, JP and Sean were both heavily involved down the flanks, with a number of crosses being swung in. However, the Clyde weren't getting the numbers in to the box to meet the deliveries, which were frequently running away at the back post. The Uni suffered an early blow when current leading scorer McLennan had to go off with a dead lead. He was replaced by talented young team member CJ. Clearly Sausage Fingers took as sore one evidenced by the Diadora stitching from his shorts engraved on his thigh.

The Clyde continued to press and hit the post & bar within 10 seconds of each other just before half time. First Ja Ja rattled the bar with a good strike which came down and hit the keeper, but somehow managed to stay out. Capp collected the loose ball and laid it back to McCall, who's right foot shot took a deflection, hit the inside of the post and rebounded straight into the keepers hands. No one could quite believe how we didn't get a goal but we went in level at the break.

Sensing they had done everything right but score, the Clyde came out for more of the same in the second half. To give credit to Bearsden, who had looked dangerous on the break in the first half, they came into the game, retaining more of the ball and creating a number of half chances.

The deadlock was broken when Sean whipped in a great free kick from the right channel which was met with a left foot volley from Ja whose well timed run had left him unmarked in the box. A well controlled finish from the skipper.

The game continued to be played in an open fashion, with Bearsden pressing for an equaliser as a loss would given them no chance of qualification. The Clyde weathered the storm and with the game seemingly set to end quietly with a 1-0 victory, McCall, actually attempting to head a football (He was isolated with no Heggie alongside), took an unassuming blow to the face from one of the Bearsden strikers. Not one to go down easily (as he rarely tackles), McCall hit the deck like a sack of tatties and was motionless. Assuming a dive the Bearsden striker subjected the left back to a tirade of abuse until he saw the blood on his face. Shanta, suitably unimpressed with the strikers antics, was ready to take on the whole Bearsden team. After some good work by the Bearsden physio, McCall went off to his private health clinic for some punctual treatment - some say he came back slightly more handsome, striking rumours of additional surgery, a claim that is strongly disputed to this date.

Anyway, not sure what happened in the last 5 minutes but the game ended 1-0 and the Clyde notched up another win. Good performances from the midfield four (apart from Timo's terrible attempt at a cheeky chip when through on goal - meat and veg for the keeper). Have to be honest and say I can't remember who should have got MOM.