



Vs Drumchapel Ams
Saturday 15th November
Stepps
KO 1.30 pm



After a loss the previous week against East Kilbride in the league, The 1st team came up against a Drumchapel Amateurs team sitting top of their league and winner of the West of Scotland Cup in three out of the previous four seasons. With the Scotland manager in attendance, it was definitely one of the biggest games in Scotland that week. The Cage was the venue and Clyde lined up with David Patterson in goals, a back four of Paddy, Hammy, Heggie, Dave McCall, Johnny P, Ja, Timo, Callum Mc, With Mclennan and Capp upfront. On the bench was Duffer, Sean, Paul Shanta and Pikey.

The game started brightly with both teams trying to get the ball down and play. The movement of the Drum strikers was causing the Clyde defence problems from the start, alternatively the quick transition from defence to attack with midfield support of the Clydes play was causing trouble to the Drum Backline. The quality on display was plain to see and it was obvious that there would not be many clear cut chances in the game.

The first chance fell to Clyde. A long ball forward from the back was flicked on by Capp directly in the path of Scotty's run. Mclennan was clean through and bearing down on the Drum goalkeeper, A good connection was made with the ball, however, his shot was straight down the throat of the goalkeeper who gathered comfortably. The first goal of the match followed soon after. A free kick was given away near the touchline about 25 yards away from the Clyde goal. The resultant free kick went evaded everyone and settled in the far away corner of the Clyde goal. A real blow for the Clyde with a couple of players maybe thinking they could have done slightly better in the situation. The rest of the half petered out with no more incidents to note.

Half time 1 – 0

The message at half time was clear, that Clyde were giving their opposition too much respect and that they needed to be a bit more patient in the build up as Drum were allowing the ball to be passed around at the back. Clyde started the 2nd half well with some good possession, however, about five minutes in they were dealt a real hammer blow. In possibly Drumchapel's first attack into the Clydes half, The striker took the ball down the right hand side and from the edge of the box attempted to slide the ball along the Clyde 6 yard box. Hammy, unaware that there was no danger slid in to stop the cross and diverted into his own net past the helpless Dave Patterson. This seemed to dampen the Clyde spirit, however, in attempt to raise them again, Will brought on Sean McBride on the left hand side for Callum McIver. This had an immediate impact with Clyde begginging to apply more and more pressure on the Drum defence. Unfortunately, Clyde failed to turn this pressure into chances with the only notable exception, a header that was saved by the goal keeper. With Drum sitting in happy to defend their lead the minutes slowly ticked away before the referee blew his whistle signalling for full time.

All in all, it wasn't a poor performance by the Clyde and they were perhaps unlucky to lose the goals that they did, when they did, however, it was clear that the boys need to assert themselves better in the big games and take the game to the opposition.