



Vs East Kilbride
Saturday 8th November
John Wright Sports Centre
KO 2.00 pm



It was back to league business for the 1st time since the 6th October for the Saturday 1st team against East Kilbride, a team that 'Clyde' have got used to playing in cups over the last few seasons with varied success, however, this was the first time that the two teams have met in the league. Confidence was high in the Clyde dressing room after nine wins in a row including four clean sheets in the last four games. Will named a team of David Patterson in goals, a back four of Paddy, Hammy, Shanta, and Davie McCall, a midfield four of Johnny Parr, Timo, Jonny Gordon and Sean McLaren, with Scott and Capp up top. On the bench this week was Duffer, Scott Rae and Paul McCusker. A capacity crowd of Pete H and Ja were also on the sidelines to cheer the boys on.

The Game kicked off and there was not much between the two sides in the opening exchanges with chances few and far between for both sides. Clyde were finding it difficult to get their usual passing style going due to the high wind and muddy playing surface and the opposition forwards were not getting the support they needed when the ball was played up to them. Both sides then went on to have short spells of pressure however it was Clyde who got the breakthrough after about 25 minutes. Capp was judged to have been fouled about 25 yards from goal. McCall stood over the ball and was shaped up for a shot on goal. However, an intelligent run by Sean was spotted and McCall slid the ball outside the wall for Sean to cut back to Jonny Gordon whos first time shot went in the opposite corner. The spirits in the Clyde team were instantly lifted however they were short lived. A free kick was given away on the right hand side about 30 yards from goal, The ball was rolled into a midfielder who shot at goal, then intelligent play from the EK centre forward followed the ball in and deflected the ball past the helpless Dave Patterson. The only other point of note from the first half was a 40 forty yard half volley/ shot from Dave McCall and a shot from about 15 yards from Shanta however both missed the target.

Into the second half and Clyde playing into the wind began to start to keep possession better and switch the ball from side to side looking for opportunities going forward. It was from a good move down the left hand side, about three one twos were played to get the ball into the box, Scott then rolled the ball into Capp whos first time shot was buried in the net to make the score 2 - 1. Everyone on the sidelines thought that Clyde would then go on to "kill off" EK as it were, and with about 20 mins to go, Scott Was put through on goal 1 on 1 with the keeper only to be tripped by the last man (in everyones views but the referees). However the ref decides only to show a yellow despite clearly stopping a goal scoring opportunity. To be fair to Scott, he did try to keep going but after the contact but his balance was gone. Unfortunately for Strathclyde, with about 15 mins to go EK managed to find an equaliser, a ball up to the strikers followed by a couple of one twos put the striker through on goal which he coolly slotted home. Clyde then went on to push for a winner which on one occasion almost cost them dear, however, a last ditch tackle from Shanta as the EK striker was about to roll the ball home came to the rescue. With about 5 mins remaining Duffer hit the crossbar and everyone thought that it wasn't our day and we would come away with a point.

With 2 mins remaining, EK managed to snatch a winner after a mistake from Young Dave in the Clyde goal. A cross from the EK left mid was left by Dave to go out for a goal kick, however, he misjudged his position and the ball went in off the post. It was a real shame for Dave as he has done excellently since taking over the 1st team goalkeepers position and he was distraught after the game. The Clyde spirit was shown however as everyone rallied round him and Wills the general message off you win and lose as a team was echoed around the squad.

In summary, it was a game that the 1st team will probably want to forget but perhaps may also serve as a wake up call as there are lots of teams that will take points off of each other this season. Next week, they are back in West of Scotland cup action at home to Drumchapel United which is posed to be a great cup tie.