



Vs East Kilbride YM
Saturday 24th January
Stepps
KO 2.00 pm



The boys turned up on a surprisingly fine winter's afternoon in good spirits with a point to prove for an important league fixture against East Kilbride – the only team thus far to take points off Clyde in the league after dismantling the winning run earlier in the season. This loss triggered panic meetings between the board and players (minus Capp) however after 3 important wins on the trot – Strathclyde were looking back like their usual self's (extremely good at football with a small number of player's exceptionally handsome).

Every member was sat in the dressing room at exactly 7 minutes past the time of 12.45 bar a certain striker however vicious rumours were later dispelled that this was because of car trouble. Before the team talk Pete then caused a rather nervous silence after inviting the side to his flat warming for the subsequent evening – thankfully Timo was able to inadvertently change the topic of conversation by producing a quite horrendous smell from the toilet nearly knocking Will Senior and Co out. Will senior wanted more of the same from the team and emphasised that not just the talent but the unity of the dressing room was above all others. A badge of the team emblem was pinned up for the boys to touch on the way out of the dressing room but only if they were willing to give everything and more for this unique club, it was sadly too high up to touch for JP and Sean however they still tried hard. Anyway to the game...

The team lined up Pete, Hill, Shanta, Heggie, Dave Mc, Jp (Paddy 65), Duff (Ja 55), Timo, Sean (Will 80), Capp, Scott.

Clyde started the match at a vicious tempo; Hill and McCall were constantly getting on the ball and supplying both wingers who were getting in behind East Kilbride's defence with ease. The movement, pace and strength of Capp and Scott was causing major problems for the two centre backs. However as the half wore on a regular pattern was arising – chance miss, chance miss, chance miss. To be fair the keeper made several good saves however the shooting boots of Duffer in particularly were not exactly firing. Capp was also unlucky to hit both posts with his effort from a tight angle. The big number 9 was not popular with the away team or their supporters, and the opposite goalie was lucky to only receive a yellow after kicking out causing Capp to go screaming to the ground.

Half time 0 vs 0

The message at half time was to keep doing what your doing and the goals would surely come, but would they? ...cue Scott MacLennan. The striker had not scored in his last three games, quite unheard of in recent times – some were saying it was due to his newly purchased under garment, the skeletontesk white nike pro, but he continued to wear it proudly and boy did he manage to defy those doubters. The first of four came from a mix up in the East Kilbride defence that Kid rock was able to take advantage of, quickly releasing Scotty who when bearing down on goal was upended inside the box. The penalty was tucked home calmly. Ja was then introduced to the game, luckily for the Irishman unlike his pull ups he is able to pass the ball properly and this helped the side build on their advantage. The next goal came from a wicked dead ball delivery from Dave McCall which was missed by everybody and flew straight into the net. Shanta claimed to get a touch but the independent adjudicator stated that's now 5 in 4 for the left back – remarkable.

Scott then found the net again with a cool finish after a delightful ball through from the excellent Timo. The confidence in sausage fingers was now booming and his 3rd was the best of the lot – after a great team move Scott finished brilliantly in the roof of the net. This seemed to please the whole side, however a certain strike partner was perhaps getting slightly frustrated at falling behind in the scoring charts. This was conveyed when the 6 FOOT 8 tallest member of the side was running back for a corner – the cry of "WHY, WHY SHOULD I BE COMING BACK FOR A CORNER??" was screamed across Stepps. He possibly had a point – it was his man that scored. This did not please the towering Shanta at the back – and words were thrown viciously between the two. Team Ayr not quite as rock solid as we once thought. On a serious note though, this does show that a drop in standards will not be accepted whatever the score line. Maybe just a quiet discussion next time?

Status quo was then resumed and MacLennan bagged another after an unselfish Capp cut the ball back.

Full time 5 vs 1

Man of the Match – Despite rock solid performances from the centre backs, it has to go to the four goal Scott MacLennan.