



Vs Howard Thistle,
WSC 1st Rd,
Saturday 18th October,
Kilmarnock, KO 2.00 pm



Team: (4-4-2) Hamilton, Patrick, McCall, Shanta, Heggie, Donaghey, Mcglauglan (Gordon 60), Parr (Hill 73), McBride, Hornell, McClennan (Duff 65). Sub Not Used Fotheringham

After a comfortable win last week in the Scottish Cup the Clyde turned their attentions to the West of Scotland Cup. Facing them were Howard Thistle, a Kilmarnock team in the Ayrshire 3rd Division. Strathclyde started at a high tempo and went looking for the first goal, within the first 20 minutes Strathclyde had 3 or 4 attempts at goal but no real clean cut chances. The breakthrough came after 25 minutes when another fantastic delivery by McCall was slide tackled towards goal by Shanta, the keeper stopped it with his legs and the rebound fell to the ruggedly handsome centre-back who bundled another effort goalward, this time the keeper clawed it back from beyond the line and the horse like centre forward Hornell followed up with what must have been his easiest "goal" of the season. This was the breakthrough that the Clyde needed as they began to turn the screw. Hornell had a header that scraped the post from a floating delivery from McBride, while on the right side Patrick was getting up and down and beyond winger Parr causing no ends of problems for the Howard defence. The pace of the entire first half was controlled in the middle of the park, with the big Irishman Donaghey spraying the ball about and making some penetrating passes. He was also living up to the billing given to him pre match by Will Watson Snr by making some of his trademark "International Class" runs. If Giovanni Trappatoni had been down Howard Park he would have been impressed by the classy Irishman Donaghey.

The second half started as the first half ended with Howard absorbing the Clydes pressure. Then on 60 minutes a game changing substitution was made, young Tam in the middle of the park had taken a knock in the first half and was still visibly shaken after the break so he was replaced by Johnny Gordon. It was a shame for Tam as he had been playing well up until he was the middle man in a Howard sandwich and didn't get a chance to get the full 90 minutes under his belt. However, with Gordon's introduction a new sense of urgency was injected into the Clyde. With his first touch he scored, then within 5 minutes laid one on a plate for McClennan. At 3-0 the Clyde were comfortable, the defence were solid and in particular the little shirtlifting captain Heggie didn't put a foot wrong all day winning his tackles and headers. McClennan then bagged a second after an error from their goalkeeper and then he was replaced by Duff. Duff's first contribution was to make a 30 yard run down the wing and then cut back a low cross for Capp to convert for his second of the game. 5 minutes later Hammy Hill replaced Parr and he slotted into right back with Big Red Ross Patrick going to right midfield. Hill's main contribution was to release Patrick down the right, who went on a solo run and slotted the sixth and final goal for the Clyde.