



Vs Napier 1s,  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October,  
Stepps, KO 2.00 pm



After a good start to the league season last week against Edinburgh 3s, The Clyde 1<sup>st</sup> team were in action again this week against an unknown quantity of Napier 1s. In the dressing room before the game the boys were in good spirits despite having to share dressing room five with the 3s. Another step in the right direction this week was the fact that for probably the first time in Uni history, there was a coach present at the game to look after things. However, due to the late appointment, the caretaker management team of Pete and Duffer selected the side for the day. Clyde lined up with Pete in Goals, Euan Godon, Aaron Mccallister, Andy Arbuckle and Callum McIver at the back, a midfield four of Ruiridh Fraser, Andy Esson, Mark Cameron and Calum Murison with Murray Duff and Owen Robinson up top.

Once again the Clyde starting brightly controlling the early play and attacking well down both sides of the pitch whereas Napier were limited to long balls over the top of the Clyde back four which didn't really amount to anything. After about 10 mins, Clyde had their first decent chance with Duffer making space for himself by turning on the edge of the box to see his left footed shot go narrowly wide. Calum Murison and Ruiridh were both causing problems, getting in behind and delivering good crosses. After about 20 mins, Calum cut inside to see his right footed shot saved by the Keeper. Calum and Ruiridh nearly combined for the Clyde opener with Calum producing a good run down the left to cross to Ruiridh whos 1<sup>st</sup> time effort went narrowly wide. Before half time Owen hit a good snap shot, however straight down the keeper's throat. Half time 0 - 0.

After watching Paul Mckusker pass back a penalty in the 3s games Vinny gave the boys a few instructions for the second half. Clyde then started well; however, Napier began to come into the game and were on top for 20 mins of the second half. Fortunately, their chances were limited to long shots with none were on target. With about 20 mins to go, Vinny made a few substitutions bringing on the Corporal for Owen, Kev Mccarron for Andy Esson and Scott Mcfarlane for Ruiridh. The input of fresh legs helped and the Clyde again began to dictate the game. With about 10 mins to go the breakthrough came. A Murray Duff corner was hit against the bar by Aaron after the keeper flapped at the ball, Clyde were first to react and Calum Murison nodded the ball Home. 1 - 0.

The majority of Clyde players were then content to just see the game out by changing to a 4 5 1 to control the ball in midfield. However, Murray Duff obviously thought that both teams having 11 men was not in the spirit of the game and decided that when a Napier player threw the ball at Euan's head while on the floor (something he was probably going to get sent off for anyway), he would get involved, raising his hands in the process leading to a couple of punches being thrown. The punches, however, were somewhat... feminine, and after the game the rest of the players decided that it looked more like Duffer was trying to cuddle the opposition player. The quote from the ref of; "I can't believe we've played 86 minutes and you two have just done that" was actually quite appropriate. The remaining minutes filtered out without really any incidents.

A better performance from the players this week looking much more solid at the back and more composed going forward. Next game is in two weeks against Glasgow 2s where they'll be looking to make it three wins out of three.