



Vs Muirend
Sat 13th December 2008
Stepps, KO 2.00 pm



Clyde started their last game of 2008 missing some key players due to the 3's or injury, using a 4-4-2 formation at home to a struggling Muirend side. The team lined up with Bassett in nets, a back four of Phil, Crossy, Moray and Euan, a midfield of Callum MacIver, Ruaridh, Ross and Niall, with Hammy and Doc up front.

Clyde started well as a result of some wise words from Vinny and Pacino, with some heavy pressure from Callum and Phil down the left. This eventually paid off with a screamer from Callum at the edge of the box giving Clyde the lead. Clyde continued their pressure with good link up play between Hammy and Doc causing problems in the Muirend defence. It wasn't long before Clyde produced their second goal with a lucky strike from Ross 'couldn't score in a brothel' Wilson taking possibly the biggest deflection ever off a defender, leaving Muirend's inelastic keeper stranded. Despite Clyde dominating possession Muirend looked dangerous in their final 3rd for a spell, scoring on the counter attack from a neat through ball and coming close with an effort against the post. The Clyde defence reacted well with some good distribution from Bassett allowing both Phil and Euan to break forward, while Moray and Crossy remained tight and won everything in the air. Clyde made another breakthrough just before half-time with a header from Niall beating the Muirend keeper's poor effort at collecting the ball, bringing the score to 3-1.

A half time team talk from Vinny emphasised much of the same and that the game was by no means won. With this in mind Clyde pressed on, with Euan hitting some good crosses in to the box for Doc and Hammy to come close. Soon after the break some hard work from Hammy led to him gaining possession in Muirend's box before putting the ball through the keeper's legs to set up Doc for Clyde's fourth. Clyde continued to control the game with some good switches of play from Ruaridh and Ross stretching the Muirend midfield. It wasn't long before Clyde took advantage of the large spaces they created, with Callum driving a great cross in for Niall to finish a good team move with a second header. Clyde brought on some fresh legs from a double substitution with Mikey the Milky Bar Kid and Owen coming on for Hammy and Doc. Owen made an immediate impact scoring a great goal from the edge of the box, leaving the keeper no chance even if he was decent. Clyde made their final substitution, with Tinny coming on for Phil Murray and Callum dropping to left back. The Muirend team tired during the second half and sat back allowing Clyde to drive in to the space. Moray took advantage of this space on one break, but was stopped by Muirend's last man leaving Niall's pint per goal bet safe as always. Owen again caused problems for Muirend's defence, using some neat touches to make space before hitting Clyde's seventh with a shot the keeper should really have saved.

The game seemed to go on forever with both sides having long range efforts. Bassett produced a good save from Muirend's effort stretching to tip the ball over the bar, while Ruaridh was denied a great goal by the Muirend keeper's hokey cokey. A good league debut from the Milky Bar Kid was almost rounded off by a goal, with a great header narrowly missing. Some good play from Callum and Stevie on the left led to Clyde's final goal, eventually falling to Niall who put the ball past Muirend's keeper with a slide tackle, bringing the final score to 8-1. A good all round performance by Clyde from the keeper to the strikers, with stand-out performances from Callum, Ruaridh, Ross and Owen when he came on, leaving the club back in contention for promotion come the end of the season.