

Today was the first day of competitive football for the 2008-09 season, and the SUFC lads had a tough schedule with 2 games in one day for the 3rd Team and 1st Team in the morning and afternoon respectively...

The mornings match against AC Milanda was for the referees shield, and Clyde knew their opponents would be tough to overcome if they weren't matched man for man. As ever, the lads warmed up very well and had laid down their own challenge of applying consistent pressure from first to last. Little did they know how successful they would be... Capp and Stuart Bone up front caused no end of problems and were always showing as options for the ball as 'Clyde moved it expertly from back to front via Phil Murray and Del in the full back areas, as well as Man of the Match Tam McLaughlan and Max Walker in the centre of midfield. Early efforts from Bone and Walker were dealt with by the keeper and 'Clyde looked as if they may struggle to break down a resolute back line. However, Stuart Bone showed his teammates the way with a lightning quick brace from assists by Paul Cross and Max Walker. This paved the way for a 1-way deluge upon the Milanda goal as 'Clyde asserted a complete control of the game for the rest of the first half.

Capp was bamboozling Milanda by drifting in between midfield and attack, constantly linking with Walker and McLaughlan, who was beginning to assert himself on midfield with a series of crunching tackles and raking passes. Ross Parkhill and Phil Murray were tearing down the left hand side and were proving themselves as a real threat. "Pikey" popped up with the next goal from wide on the left hand side as he lashed a shot at goal which went under the keeper making it 3-0. Max Walker, a tireless worker and sometime-magician-everytime-banter-merchant finished home from close range to make it 4-0 before Bonesy yet again scored to make it 5-0 with the halftime whistle still to come. Yet Milanda are to be credited for their never-say-die attitude and they always competed for the ball, never letting 'Clyde take anything for free.

At half-time, 'Clyde refreshed themselves and debated in the huddle about how best to take the game further and capitalise on a fabulous first half showing. Key men Bone and McLaughlan led the way in the second half by putting Capp through yet again, but he was called offside. Moments later, after a bout of severe pressure Stuart Bone made it 4 for his own tally and 6 for 'Clyde. Milanda responded by winning a series of battles in midfield but never troubling Anders Kloven, yet leaving themselves open to the counterattack, from which Capp dribbled mazily into the corner before cutting back to Ross Parkhill who finished beautifully by opening up his right foot and burying it in the corner.

In the 75th minute came a moment of some comedy, as Stuart Bone got on the end of a flowing move which started way back at Anders Kloven. Niall McClure buccaneered down the right hand side and threaded the eye of a needle with his pass which found Stuart Bone practically in the goal. 'Clyde latest goal machine only had to connect properly with the ball to get a personal "five star" performance...unfortunately he couldnt at it soared Van Vossen-esque into the atmosphere.

75 Minutes - Sub for Strathclyde. ON John Rox - OFF Stuart Bone...

The rest of the match petered out, with one moment of quality from Capp getting a finish into the bottom corner to make it 8 for the 'Clyde and a fitting end for new SUFC Legend Anders Kloven who picked up the referees shield as Captain for the day. However the day was only half complete for Phil Murray, Paul Cross, Ross Parkhill, Tam McLaughlan and John Rox as they made their way straight to Steps for the afternoon League Cup tie against Weir Rec.