



Clyde 3's stepped out onto the park knowing that a win against fellow title contenders Aberdeen would put them top of the league and in pole position to take the title. The Clyde started with a familiar line up with Bassett in goals, a centre-back partnership of Andy Hogarth and Niall Connolly with Del and Brucey completing the back four. Starting out wide was Ian McMillan on the right and Thommo on the left with Curly and Matt in the middle. Up front were Scott Stevenson and Andy Diasangu after coming out of retirement.

Both teams started well with the Clyde piling on pressure in the early stages. The Clyde's main threat came from set piece deliveries by Ian and Thommo with Andy Hogarth nearly heading home on two occasions. The first half was rather uneventful until Aberdeen won a free kick at the edge of the box. The free kick was taken quickly then the referee blew his whistle, there was confusion as no-one knew if he was blowing for offside or bringing the play back, the Aberdeen lad didn't have a clue either and hit a half hearted effort to Bassett's near post, Bassett obviously wasn't sure either as he decided to fall on top of the ball and it squirmed in under his body. The Clyde players were furious and Niall Connolly picked up what must be his twentieth yellow card of the season for his troubles. The first half came to an end with Aberdeen slightly fortunate to be one up.

After a few "friendly exchanges" with one another at the side of the pitch Clyde went out with a point to prove. They went about doing that well, playing some good football straight from kick off, this was a sign of things to come with Curly and Matt beginning to dominate the middle of the park. The breakthrough came soon after, some good build up play that started at the back led to Ian whipping a cross in. The ball was flicked on at the near post and found the unmarked Thommo at the back who calmly volleyed in from six yards. The Clyde pushed on and began to pass the ball about all over the park. Del and Bruce began to see more of the ball which stretched the Aberdeen midfield. This was exploited when Curly picked up the ball just inside the Aberdeen half and had space to drive into. He then unleashed a wonder strike from thirty yards out that cannoned in of the post sending the Clydes four supporters into raptures. The home team dominated from then on and would have added to their tally if the final ball was better. Aberdeen didn't really threaten from then on however there were some scares in the last five minutes. The first came when the ball was headed into the Clyde box and it looked like the striker had a certain goal scoring opportunity, however Niall Connolly wasn't having this so hauled the boy back by the shirt, to Niall's credit he did this so discretely that the referee didn't see it which infuriated the away team. The second came in the dying moments when an Aberdeen striker hit a shot from the right about eight yards out, Bassett made a great saved that in the end would preserve his side's vital three points.

When the final whistle went the Clyde players were delighted, as they had showed character to come from behind, and perhaps more importantly had leapfrogged Aberdeen to top spot in the league with only three games remaining. The whole team performed well with noticeable standouts in the middle of the park, Matt and Man of the match Curly.

Mike Macenzie - Not much to do thanks to his defence but made two top class saves to seal victory.

Bruce Moir -Dealt with Aberdeen's winger with ease. Made some good attacking runs.

Derek Robson -Snuffed out any danger and was strong going forward.

Andrew Hogarth -Won everything in the air and came close to scoring.

Niall Connolly - Kept it tight at the back with Andy and passed the ball well whenever he got it.

Ian McMillan - Threat on the right throughout the game, his cross lead to the equalizer.

Craig Thomson - Busy throughout the game and chipped in with another well taken goal

Ross Darling - Had an outstanding game in the middle of the park and capped of his well deserved man of the match performance with a stunning goal

Matt Lorimer - Controlled the Midfield along with Curly, consistently good as ever.

Andy Diasangu - Gave the team another dimension. Not much in the way of chances but his desire and work ethic were priceless to the team as ever.

Scott Stevenson - Held the ball up well and linked up well with the Midfield.

Ruaraidh McLeod - Came on in the second half and did well going forward and tracking back helping out his full back

Kieran Henaughen - Came on and was involved in some good passing moves. Put a good shift in.