

Strathclyde's 3rd team went into a bruising encounter on Saturday morning away to Allander on a very poor surface. With the bark significantly banked on one side, 'Clyde started poorly and for the first 30 minutes were distinctly second best with passes going astray and a real tendency to give possession away causing frustration at the side of the pitch.

'Clyde went a goal behind due to a self-imposed defensive error, but on 30 minutes began to re-assert themselves and Euan Godon went very close with a fine effort that came off the face off the bar after good work from Martin Gillespie. Godon had been 'Clydes most consistent performer in the first half and was slaloming his way through players, only stopped by means more foul than fair. The referee failed to stamp any kind of authority on the game, and some ludicrous challenges from the opposition began to go unpunished.

At half time, the 'Clyde players were angrier with themselves than this reporter had seen for a while, with silent vows clearly being made to up the ante as a positive reaction was needed. John Rox on the left hand side began to come more into the game and it was from the left that 'Clyde equalised when the energetic Ross Hamilton was upended in the box and then scored the penalty. It seemed 'Clyde would go on to win, as they dominated the rest of the game.

Unfortunately, football can deliver some cruel blows and the inability to defend a corner kick saw an unfortunate own Goal scored in the 91st minute, but the drama had not yet finished. 'Clyde again reacted positively and drove into the Allander box for Hammy to be fouled, but this time the goalkeeper made an outstanding save from the penalty. It was a shame, as 'Clyde definitely deserved something from the game after a good second half, but it was not to be. Next week the lads are back at Steps for a match against Glenavon Thistle.