



The 3's arrived in the Capital hoping to put the horror of last weeks Cup Quarter Final behind them and get back on track in their push for promotion. With the absence of Del Robson, his assistant Mike MacKenzie took charge for the second time this season, and the first thing he did was successfully recreate a scene from the film "Mike Bassett: England Manager" by forgetting the balls, however this hurdle was easily overcome. Mike went 4-4-2 with centre halves Moray Grant and Niall Connolly, Bruce Bonus at left back and Niall McClure at the right back. The midfield four consisted of established wingers Cormack and Thommo, with Pikey and Ross "I love goals" Wilson in the middle. Hoping to provide the firepower up front were Michael Sutherland and Scott Stevenson.

On a perfect surface, Napier kicked off and attempted to show Clyde that they were in no mood to repeat the result from the 1st game of the season, but couldn't fashion any real chances due to the well organised back line. Niall McClure was the first Clyde player to give Napier a scare, as an electric burst of pace took him past 2 players, but his shot failed to trouble the keeper. However with the quality in the team you could sense that a goal was sure to come for Clyde, and it arrived just before the 10 minute mark. A build up from the back saw Thommo gain possession on the left and cut inside the Napier rearguard. Pikey screamed for the cutback, but Thommo had other ideas, and fired a well placed shot off the post and into the net.

More goals followed, with the deadly Thommo adding his second, the experienced Pikey finding the net and the impressive Ross Wilson showing that he really does love goals! Napier's only real chance saw a shot from 12 yards tipped over by Mike. Half time arrived with Clyde 4-0 up.

With the result more or less in the bag, Mike decided to introduce substitutes Andy Hogarth in defence and Mushy up front. The 2nd half started in the manner of the 1st, with Clyde playing some nice stuff down both flanks and creating chances, which eventually led to the a 5th goal. Ross Wilson picked the ball up about 20 yards from goal and decided to have a pop at goal. The shot may have been on target, but the Napier defender stuck out a leg to send the ball into the net for an unfortunate **own goal**.

To their credit Napier battled hard, and were determined to get at least one goal as consolation. This goal eventually came after a spell of pressure on the Clyde goal, with the defence posted missing. A cross from the right was met by a point blank shot on the volley by the striker, which Mike somehow saved, but the rebound fell to another Napier player who reluctantly rolled the ball into the net.

However this wasn't going to ruin an excellent result for Clyde which sees them back in serious league contention and put the result at Ibrox firmly behind them! Final thanks go's to Napier for putting on some decent grub after the game.

Mike MacKenzie – couldn't be faulted for the goal
Moray Grant – solid as always at the back
Niall Connolly – formed a good partnership with Moray at centre back
Bruce Moir – back to his best
Niall McClure – Always a danger on the right side
Ross Cormack – shrugged off an injury to put in solid display
Ross Parkhill – Always composed on the ball
Ross Wilson – voted Man of the Match for his goal and midfield dominance
Craig Thomson – capped excellent display with two goals
Scott Stevenson – no goals but good work-rate as always
Michael Sutherland – didn't get many opportunities but always poses a threat
Kieran Henaughan – Unlucky not to score. Bad luck in Inbetween-sies
Andy Hogarth – aerial presence is a real asset to the squad
Roddy MacKay – Some nice touches up front, goals may still come!