



3s Vs West of Scotland 2s
Wed 20th November 2008
Steps, KO 2.00 pm



The mighty 3's lined up knowing that a victory against West of Scotland 2's would guarantee qualification from their 'Champions League' group, whilst if they could beat Queen Margaret's on goal difference, they would finish top of the group! In his managerial debut, Bassett lined up 4-4-2 with himself in goal, behind a back line of Niall, Andy Hogarth, Scott McKenzie and Sean Mirner. In midfield were wingers Cormack and Thommo, a central pairing of Curly and Pikey, whilst Scott Stevenson and Mushy led the forward line. On the bench were Shuta, new boy Ben Thomsett and Roddy.

Following the inspirational huddle, Clyde kicked off into the wind, and set about establishing an early lead. Just before the ten minute mark Clyde made a breakthrough. A looping ball from the left side fell into the WOS penalty area, where young Ross Cormack pounced to roll in the opening goal. This was followed by 3 more goals, including one scored by Andy Hogarth! Strikers Mushy and Scott were being frustrated by the oppositions jammy goalkeeper, who continually got his body in the way of their shots, whilst WOS attempted to catch Clyde on the break. Bassett saved point blank following a cross into the area, whilst the keeper comfortably held an ambitious 30 yard drive. The half time whistle sounded with Clyde leading 4-0.

During the half time team talk Clyde agreed that better concentration and improved passing was needed, whilst the desire for more goals was also made clear. Due to the rolling sub format of the game, Bassett took a gamble and put Roddy MacKay up front alongside Thommo. What started as a gamble turned out to be a tactical master-stroke, as 'Hot-Rod' latched on to a cross from the right to despatch under the hapless keeper, and notch up his second goal in the Cup! This set the tone for a barrage of goals, which would eventually see the impressive Pikey and Thommo finish with hat-tricks respectively, whilst Mushy and Scott (much to their relief) both found the net. As the game tethered out Bassett re-introduced debutant Ben on right wing, whilst Roddy was brought back down from heaven and into the abyss of centre back position to help preserve a clean sheet. The final whistle heralded a good day at the office for Clyde; a clean sheet, 12 goals and qualification from the group.

Next week the 3's have no game and a chance to rest before the fixtures start to pile up.