

The second to last day of the Strathclyde University club tour saw a friendly match between Sportsmans Arms of Aberdeen and the travelling 'Clyde boys, patched up from the previous nights heroic showing against Cove Rangers.

Mark Shanta was only fit for a brief 10 minute cameo whilst the match had come too early for Scott Rae after his injury a mere 18 hours earlier against Cove so "Raezor" decided to undertake Official Photographer duties at the pitch side. Unfortunately he is better at playing football than taking photographs, so the dubiety rages about Davie Hills claims for the first goal due to Raezor spending too much time scoping out the large-hooped-earring single mums at the match on the pitch next to us. Hill claims the first was rocketed in by him from 12 yards after some great work from Calum Murison, however it had to go to an EGM of the SUFC Dubious Goals Committee - AKA Vinny and Shanta - which took place at the dugout (Raezor declined to join the committee as the EGM took place as previously mentioned teenage mums were walking past and he needed to "flex" for the laydeez...

SUFC Dubious Goals Committee Decision - Goal awarded to Davie Hill.

The match was virtually a dead game, although Sportsmans were lively and up for the occasion and it showed in the first 15 minutes before Hill's clinical (!?!) finishing began to separate the teams. Murison and McBride on the left again were a force to be reckoned with, with young Calum continually getting past his marker and delivering well. Timo Fotheringham and Max Walker were slowly asserting themselves on the midfield area and by 25 minutes in Sportsmans began to simply bypass the midfield and go straight to their strikers. 'Clyde, still tired from the night before, maintained their footballing principles and brought the wide players into the match at every opportunity. Man of the Match Murray Duff was full of energy and gave the left fullback a torrid time in his combinations with Davie Hill.

However the next goal came again from Murisons flying style as he burned past the right back and lashed the ball across goal, which the goalkeeper punched onto Scott McLennans "chest" and the 'Clyde striker tapped home with no resistance. 2-0 was a fair reflection of the scoreline. Although there were several tired legs out there in the 'Clyde side.

At half time, more water and a couple of reminders regarding decision making were all that was required, as the boys, dressed resplendently in all-white, took to the pitch again. Tired, but still aware that they were in a winning position with a clean sheet, they wanted the final tour match to go out with a bang, not a whimper. Murray Duff, Timo Fotheringham and Davie Hill were the standouts in the second half and Hill and Duff rampaged forward relentlessly on the right side throughout the second 45 minutes.

Pete Hamilton was claiming everything in the air and grabbed a cross which he hurled out to Hill who drove across the halfway line before linking with Duff who found himself on the right hand side of the 18 yard box. Duffer glanced up, before delivering a wonderful cross which teased the goalkeeper out and landed straight on the forehead of the towering Andrew Hornell who put it right into the top corner. "Capp" had fully deserved a goal in the previous 2 encounters and the boys all celebrated with him as one. A fitting reward for one of the tour leaders, on and off the pitch.

The remainder of the game petered out, although Timo Fotheringhams tenacity and short accurate passing, allied with Duff and Hills penetration on the right were constants for the remainder of the game as it came to a close. At the end of the 90 minutes, the boys came off with a smile, a clean sheet, and a victory.

What more could have been asked of them...?