



Vs Aberdeen Uni 1s
Wed 28th January
Balgownie,
KO 1.00 pm



In the 1st game after Christmas, the Wednesday 1st team had an away trip up north to Aberdeen. Things got off to a bit of a slow start with Stevie "tinny" Stirling being one of the drivers showing up 30 mins late, and to make things worse wearing, the only player to be wearing jeans. The boys had an emergency meeting and decided not to fine him on the basis that he was good enough to drive his car all the way up there. The other 9 boys were in the Mercedes Vito fearing for their lives as it was being driven by Pete H who confessed on Cathedral street that he had driven in over 2 years. However all the boys arrived safely with an hour to go before kick off. A good warm up was taken by Duffer on a pitch that resembled the Show park at Stepps. Resmebled referring to the fact that it had a running track round it but that was about as far as the comparison went as the pitch wasn't in the best of conditions. However this was not going to put the boys off. Clyde lined up with Pete H in goals, a back four of Euan G, Aaron Mc, Marc C, and Steivie Stirling, a midfield four of Niall Mc, Ruiridh F, Kev Mc, and Callum Mc, with Duffer and Scott Mc up top. This left Owen R and CJM on the bench.

Clyde started the game slowly with Aberdeen having the better of the possession in the 1st 5 mins without creating any real clear cut chances. They had a couple of efforts but nothing on target. Clyde then began to impose themselves on the game a bit more and started putting together some good moves down both flanks with Niall and Callum beginning to find themselves lots of space to get on the ball. This, along with some good holding up of the ball led to a couple of chances, the 1st falling to Duffer who after an excellent through ball from Scott was through on the keeper only to drag his shot narrowly wide of the post. Another good chance came shortly after however Kev's 1st time shot was block where the ball fell to Ruiridh and his shot (also 1st touch) was also blocked on the line by what looked like a hand however there was no penalty given. By far the best Chance of the half for Clyde came from a great move that started from the back. A quick attack down the right hand side, saw Niall put the ball to Duffer who crossed the ball to Scott who then cut the ball back to Kev who freshed aired his shot from inside 6 yards in front of a practically open goal. To be fair to Kev, he had just sprinted about 70 yards to get there in the 1st place. For the last 5 mins of the half, Clyde fell out of it a little bit again and Aberdeen had two very good chances to score, firstly their striker hit a half volley well which Pete parried back out to him for him to subsequently put the rebound over the bar with a looping header. To be fair, Pete was back up and looked as though he had it covered had it been on target. Next a good move down their right and side put their striker in again, his shot was goal bound but a full length save from Pete this time denied the striker. Half Time 0 – 0.

Clyde started the second half much better than the 1st. After about 5 mins they were rewarded for their effort in the 1st half. A flick on from Scott put Duffer through on goal, his shot from the edge of the box looked covered by the keeper, however, it bobbed over his arm as he dived and into the bottom corner. No complaints from Duffer or the rest of the Clyde boys though. Clyde then looked to push for a second and were beginning to control the game. However, what happened next was not in the script. An Aberdeen attack resulted in a corner. The in swinging corner was met by Pete in the air only for him to be pushed into his goal. He released the ball before crossing the line and it fell to an Aberdeen player who managed to bundle the ball over the line after two further blocks on the line by Pete and Euan. The complaints to the ref were waved away and Clyde had just to get on with it. Aberdeen had their tails up a bit at this point however this was short live as Marc Cameron coolly slotted away a corner that had gone through everyone at the back post area making the score 2 -1. A third goal came for Clyde later on after some good work again down the right hand side was followed by a good cross from Niall for Duffer to get in front of his man and Volley home. Its 9 goals in 6 for Duffer on a Wednesday, Capp better begin to watch himself! Full time 3 – 1.

All in all it was an excellent performance from the boys where they tried to play good football on a pitch that made it very difficult. At no stage in the game were they outclassed and the belief is beginning to show that they can go on and win this league and get back into the top division where they belong. Next week, its Aberdeen 1s again, this time in the knock out stages of the BUCS Scottish conference cup. And with the Glasgow cup on that day at Stepps too it could be a really good day out.