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Real Signs of Improvement for AC

Tynecastle 8 AC Oxgangs 4

Half-Time 5-0

Scorer

Christopher (2), Arron H, James

ACO Man of the Match

Another tough day for the children, but with some very good performances, mostly in the second-half, the children have given Matt a sore head for man of the match this week. Today's man of the match is Christopher. This is for the hard work he put in all day, showing that he was disappointed not to have started, and grabbed himself two goals to wrap up a good day for himself.

AC showed real signs of improvement in their second league game of the season, although it took until the second half for them to start to move the ball around and stretch the opposition.

In a first half that AC would prefer to forget, Tynecastle were putting the AC defence under pressure straight from the kick-off. Brodie started off confidently in goal with a good low save, but after 4 minutes the Tynecastle pressure paid off with a good run and shot, leaving Brodie no chance. AC resumed brightly, with a good surging run by Max on the left wing, but the ball was soon back in the AC box, and only two excellent saves by Brodie kept the score at 1-0, the second save a huge stretch to his right to tip it round the post. From the resulting corner, AC failed to clear the ball and Tynecastle grabbed a second goal.

Within a minute, Tynecastle were 3-0 up with a ball straight down the middle, and a shot out of Brodie's reach. A dangerous back-pass a minute later nearly resulted in another goal, but the Tynecastle striker scooped the ball over the bar. Tynecastle quickly added another two goals, despite some more goalkeeping heroics from Brodie, after AC again failed to clear their lines.

AC then started to play some more fluent, attacking football. Christopher was unlucky to miss after a good run and shot towards the top right of the goal. Then James burst into the box, and was denied by a good save with the Tynecastle keeper's feet. A rare foray forward by Kieran produced a good cross into the box, but the ball wouldn't sit well enough for Leo to shoot. A positive end to the first half.

Half-Time 5-0

AC started the second half well, with much more determination in the tackle, and some good passing between the attacking players. A good ball from Zac set up Christopher, who shot just wide. A minute later, some good AC pressure in the box resulted in a well taken goal from Christopher. 5-1

Tynecastle then broke away at the other end of the pitch made it 6-1 with a shot that left second-half goalkeeper Aaron no chance.

AC immediately attacked back, with a good pass from Christopher setting up Zac, whose shot was deflected for a corner. Following some more good AC pressure, Christopher popped up in the box to benefit from some Tynecastle hesitation and scored his second goal.

Despite some good AC attacking play, and some good defending from Liam and Cillian at the back, Tynecastle scored again, with a low shot past Aaron's left. After AC again failed to clear in defence, Tynecastle went 8-2 up with a shot from just outside the area.

AC finished the match on the front foot. James was almost clear through on the goalkeeper except for a last ditch tackle, and Aaron H was denied by some brave Tynecastle goalkeeping. The Tynecastle keeper was playing well, saving a screamer from James that was destined for the top corner. Finally the pressure paid off, with Christopher stealing the ball and crossing to Aaron H in the box who finished well. Almost immediately, ACO scored again, with a good run down the left by James finished with a crisp shot to the top left of the goal past the keeper. A good finish to the game, but ACO had left themselves with too much to do.

Full-Time 8-4

Coaches Message: “As in the match report the first half was disappointing. If we look into the second-half there were much more positive signs to take from the half. Some good passing football which is good to see as it is being worked on in training. Good signs of more shots on target this week and more signs of communication starting to help the team in the matches on Sunday. Every week is a learning curve for the children and coaches. Looking forward to more hard work at training on Thursday and another game on Sunday.”

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