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**ESSDA Soccer Sevens *Maradona* Division**

# **Repeat of Fixture in 2010 as Tynecastle Run Riot Again**

## **Tynecastle 9 AC Oxfords 3**

**Half-Time 7-1**

### **Scorers**

Zac, Leo, James

### **ACO Man of the Match**

Difficult again today but today's MOTM is James, this is for his good work going forward, grabbing himself a very well taken goal, but also his hard work defending for long periods of the game, working back to help out the defence when Tynecastle were going forward. Well Done.

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The last time these two teams met, ACO were completely played off the park in the first half and then matched their opponents in the second half. Unfortunately, this game was a repeat of that fixture.

Straight from the kick-off, Tynecastle were attacking ACO's goal and stand-in keeper Liam got a very early touch of the ball. ACO were not getting the ball out of the retreating area, rolling the ball along the byline and allowing Tynecastle to close them down immediately. An early pass across the box was intercepted and fired in for the first goal. Almost immediately Tynecastle scored again when a cross was bundled in.

Aaron H and Christopher were tackling strongly just outside the box, and eventually Brodie managed to send a good long ball up to Max. ACO were getting some joy down the left wing, and James managed a shot that hit the post. Mostly though, it was Tynecastle applying the pressure. Kieran deflected one strong shot with his head, and Liam made a good, stretching save with his feet, but ACO lost possession in the box and Tynecastle scored again. They then scored another two in short succession, both from shots across the box that just sneaked in at the far post. Liam then had to make two quick saves, but the third shot eventually went in for another goal. Then, ACO all left a cross that came into the box and it crept in. Tynecastle were seven goals up with no reply.

By now, ACO had an extra man on the pitch, and this really seemed to even up the sides. Kieran sent a long ball up to Zac who was starting to trouble the Tynecastle defence, and Leo managed to break through on goal, only to be tackled at the last second. Finally, Max found Kieran who sent another long ball up to Zac, and he sprinted into the box to grab one back for ACO.

### **Half-time 7 - 1**

The second half was a much more even affair. Zac won an early free kick outside the box, and then won a corner. At the other end though, Tynecastle broke into the box and shot through second-half keeper Kieran. James then tried a long shot that was blocked, and Zac forced the Tynecastle keeper into a good save, but at the other end it was a familiar story as a Tynecastle cross shot across the box and was fired in to make it 9-1.

ACO then had another good chance when Zac dribbled into the box, but another last-ditch tackle stopped him. Max also had a shot saved, and Leo was outpacing the defenders but sent a shot wide. However, he then had another identical run and this time sent it past the keeper to grab another goal back.

In defence, Liam needed to make a crucial clearance with his head, and Kieran made two great saves with his legs. Cillian was across quickly to intercept the ball, and showed his typical persistent tackling to drive the Tynecastle players towards the touchline. Tynecastle were edging closer to the ACO goal again, and it looked like they might score again after some confusion in the ACO box, but a quick clearance to Max set up a break as he sent a pass forward to Leo. His shot was saved and cleared to the edge of the box, where James had arrived and powered in an unstoppable low shot. However, ACO had left themselves a mountain to climb in the first half, and it proved far too much.

### **Full-Time 9 - 3**

#### **Coaches Message:**

Very different game from Thursday. Tynecastle were just too quick for us and took the chances they had in the first half. At the end of the first half we showed signs of improvement and then in the second half we competed much better with them. We need to start the game matching teams like Tynecastle from the start, then that will really show us how much we have improved as a team. Unlucky though. See everyone Thursday.

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