

What a game, an amazing second half which showed the 5th

team has character to go along with the talent.

The first half was the worst I have seen the 5th play considering we

were playing Mayfield who are top of the league and had not lost a game

so far. We started poorly and it was no surprise when we were 2 down

after 15 minutes, to make matters worse we conceded a soft penalty and

another goal by half time to go in 4-0 at the break.

We had 10 minutes to turn the game around and ensure we won the 2nd

half, on came Steve Patmore, who rolled back the years to show quality

never dies. Within five minutes of being on the pitch Steve started the

comeback with an excellent finish from the edge of the box 4-1.

The game took a turn for the worst for the 5th when the Referee awarded

another penalty, I knew if Mayfield scored again the game was over,

the striker placed the ball on the penalty spot took a slow jog and

stroked the ball to the left of the goal, out came the outstretched arm of

Carl O'Neil to push the ball away from the goal, what a save!

Suddenly the 5th had belief that they could get back in the game.

Darryl Marius who won the ball in the centre of midfield then passed a

lovely ball over the top, a straight race between Steven Clarke-Johnston and

two defenders -only one outcome 4-2. Game on!

The pressure was building on Mayfield and their first half swagger was

disappearing fast, a decent shot from Matthew Witney was deflected for

a corner. I could not believe it when Steve Patmore scored direct from

the corner 4-3.

Mayfield were praying for the referee to blow for full time but with 20 minutes to go I knew we could still get the equalizer. A quick throw from Carl sent Harley Moore flying down the right who floated a sublime pass for Steven CJ to chase and blast into the back of the net 4-4.

Mayfield were nervous and all the confidence was with the 5th. From the resulting kick-off Kemar Gordon was out of the blocks and managed to close down the midfielder the ball ricochet to Steven CJ who was never going to miss, 5-4, everyone went mad I was lost for words.

Five minutes to go and all we had to do was keep the ball and the game was ours, Mayfield were all over the place. Owen Scott who along with Jody Jeffery were excellent in the 2nd half won the ball to start a seven man one touch passing move. The ball was laid out to Erkan Fadi who left the defender on the floor with some excellent close control to put the final nail in the coffin 6-4.

What a comeback to be 4-0 down against a team who are top of the league and had not lost a game in the league is quite amazing, I don't think my heart can take another game like that. The significant of this game will only be know at the end of the season as it now leave us the chance of winning the league.

Man of the Match: Carl O'Neil penalty save changed the game and gave the whole team a lift.