

Fife & Tayside Referees

Annual Challenge Match

Fife won the Fife & Tayside Referees Annual Challenge Cup 5-3.

A hotly disputed goal put Fife ahead. The last Fife player to touch the ball was Allan Spalding from a cross. Scott Watson put pressure on the A&P defender who let fly into his own top corner. The dubious goals panel awarded the goal to Allan Spalding!

A&P equalised after Paul "Dave" Simmons failed to deal with a feebly struck shot from 60 yards.

The second half started level but a wonderful chip from Brian McDuffie early in the 2nd half left the goalkeeper no chance. A quick corner kick from Allan Spalding allowed Brian the time to pick his spot. Certain people were asking if McDuffie meant this effort, feeling there was an element of Gheorgie Hagi at USA 94 about it. Only Brian really knows the answer.

Two great strikes from Scott Lambie and Jordan Stokoe put Fife 4-1 up, before a great Bobbsy pile driver looked to everyone inside the ground to bounce down from the bar at least three miles behind the goal line, apart from the home biased A&P referee and far side assistant of course.

A&P then scored direct from a free kick. Graeme "pro youth" McIntyre will certainly not be happy with his goalkeeping contribution to this goal.

Another great effort from Scott Lambie seemed to seal the match for Fife before a well-worked passing move from A&P finished the scoring at 5-3 to Fife.

Many thanks to all the players from Fife and Angus & Perthshire Referee Associations for playing in this good natured game and a special thanks to my colleague Gavin Harris for organising things from the Angus & Perthshire side. Thanks also to the officials who gave up their time for nothing to control a shower of numpties and thanks to Broughty Athletic JFC for allowing us the use of their ground free.

Man of the match for Fife is awarded to captain marvel Billy Cooper.

We managed to raise £217.00 for the leukaemia charity, which is a fantastic effort, and I feel everyone had a great laugh on the day. I hope that this can become an annual event.

