

Acres Boys Club Cup Round 1

## Stornoway Athletic 3(1) v Carloway 0(0)

Scott Maciver 27, 61

Chris Adams 57

Goathill Park, Stornoway

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Referee: Murdo Macaulay

*David Beaton*

*Domhnall Mackay (capt.) Gus Maciver Calum Tom Moody Donald "D.I." MacIennan  
Donnie Macphail Dan Crossley Murdo "Squeg" Macleod Seumas Macleod Gordon  
"Tago" Macdonald*

*Kevin "Gochan" Macleod*

*Subs.: Calum 'Caley' Macleod (Donnie Macphail) 62; Scott Macaulay (Seumas Macleod) 62;  
Andy 'Barvas' Macleod (Gordon 'Tago' Macdonald) 76; Kevin "Barra" Macneil; Gordon  
Craigie;*

*Yellow cards: Murdo 'Squeg' Macleod 90*

After a disappointing start to their league campaign it was on to cup duty for Carloway with a trip to Goathill Park to meet Athletic in the 1st round of the Acres Boys Club Cup. A real feeling of déjà vu for this was exactly the same opponents as the previous two seasons, with the previous two encounters at the second round stage of this trophy. The hope was that the result would be better than the last two years, as Athletic had progressed with 3-2 and 4-1 victories respectively.

For Carloway the only change from Friday night was Donnie Macphail replacing Caley Macleod with Kevin Gochan moving to centre forward and Macphail taking the right midfield role in a 4-5-1 formation. Aths lined up in their customary 3-5-2 formation with new signings Koch Morrison, Donnie Macleod and Chris Adams making their first starts.

Carloway made the much better start as their opponents playing their first game of the season seemed to struggle with the pace of the game. Three good chances were created by Carloway in the first twenty minutes. First of all neat interplay released Gochan on the right hand side of the box but he fired his shot over the bar. Then MacRitchie in the Aths goal had to move quickly to save a free kick from Macphail. The final chance again fell to Macphail when he pulled his shot just wide after more good interplay.

At this stage of the game things looked bright for Carloway, dominating possession and creating chances. You felt that it was only a matter of time before they scored. However when you dominate possession you must make it count and chances created must be taken. Carloway were just about to discover this.

On 27 minutes from a corner on the right the ball was swung in just under the crossbar. A regulation catch you thought for Beaton in the Carloway goal. However he inexplicably dropped the ball and after a scramble the ball was eventually knocked home by Scott Maciver. Carloway players furiously

claimed that Beaton had been impeded and that their had been a handball before the ball was fired in to the goal,however referee Macaulay was having none of it and allowed the goal to stand. Now it was a totally different game.

For the remainder of the half Aths dominated as Carloway struggled. Passes went astray and very few chances were created,the only one of any note was a Crossley header, after Moody had majestically won a header in the box, which was scrambled wide by MacRitchie. The last chance fell to Scott Maciver looking suspiciously offside but Beaton stood up well and saved easily.

Half Time Aths1 Carloway 0

The second half did not start well for Carloway. Passes were misplaced and possession was easily squandered with the result that chances were few and far between. Aths were content to sit back and hit on the counter attack which they did with devastating results.

On 57 minutes again after possession was easily squandered Doug Maciver ran the whole length of the park unchallenged before slipping the ball to Adams who scored easily. 2-0 to Aths and a real struggle now for Carloway  
On 61 minutes things were to go from bad to worse for Carloway. Again possession was needlessly squandered in midfield,Aths broke quickly and Macleod played in Scott Maciver who scored easily to make it 3-0 to Aths, Game effectively over.

For the remainder of the game Aths were content to sit on their lead. Carloway introduced their three substitutes-Scott Macaulay,Caley Macleod and Andy Macleod but the pattern of the game remained as before with the Aths central defensive trio of Clinton, Morrison and Macaulay totally dominant and Davis, Macleod and Ruddall in the midfield also giving good support with their energy and drive.

A disappointing result and performance for Carloway with only Moody and Maciver getting pass marks. Perhaps if they had scored early on or if the referee had disallowed the first Aths goal the result and the performance might have been different.

Carloway Man of the Match - Gus Maciver  
Aths Man of the Match - Donnie Macleod