



Edinburgh United v Dunbar United
At Paties Road Stadium, Colinton
Wednesday 13th May 2009



Dunbar made three changes from their last game with Mark McEwen, John Twaddle and Steven Girdwood starting the game with Stuart Brown and Ross Hastie on the bench and Geoff Jones on the injured list.

Dunbar started with a stiff breeze behind them and took the lead after ten minutes when a long throw in from Stuart Laing caught the home defence flat-footed and **STEVEN GIRDWOOD** chested the ball home at the back post.

Stuart Robertson went close minutes later before **RYAN GIBB** increased Dunbar's lead to two with a contender for goal of the season. The youngster collected the ball wide on the right, cut inside and curled a left footed shot into the net from fully thirty yards.

This boosted Dunbar and they totally dominated the first half with Edinburgh rarely threatening the visitors' goal.

Stuart Robertson and Daryl Fraser both went close for Dunbar before the break.

Half Time: Edinburgh United 0 Dunbar United 2

Edinburgh made two early changes after the break with Ross Elliot and Lee Zavaroni replacing Ross Middlemass and Jamie Hawkins and these changes almost paid dividends straight away with Andrew Christie striking the post minutes before Keith Pullen did likewise from a free kick.

It was real "backs to the wall" football for Dunbar with Ross Blair and Stuart Laing marshalling the defence well and as so often happens after all the Edinburgh pressure it was Dunbar who scored again. Adam Cheetham created a great chance for **STUART ROBERTSON** who wasted no time in blasting the ball into the net to give Dunbar a three goal cushion with twenty minutes left to play.

Five minutes later another cross from the left caused some indecision in the Dunbar defence and **STEVEN FINLAYSON** hooked the ball over John Johnstone in the Dunbar goal to give the home side a lifeline.

With seven minutes left, John Johnstone mishandled a cross ball and luck was again on Dunbar's side as an Edinburgh forward watched his shot strike the post.

Deep into injury time **STEVEN FINLAYSON** poked another cross past John Johnstone for Edinburgh's second goal but Dunbar held on to secure another three league points in a gutsy performance which should really have been sewn up well before the finish.

Hopefully this performance will be carried on to Saturday when Sauchie are the visitors to New Countess Park with a 2.30pm kick off.

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Edinburgh Utd: - Stuart Burnside, Richard McColl, Paul Weatherston, Stephen McIntosh, Keith Pullen, Jamie Hawkins, Paul Hart, Scott Montgomery, Steven Finlayson, Andrew Christie, Ross Middlemass. Subs: - Ewan McIntosh, Trialist #14, Trialist #15, Ross Elliot, Lee Zavaroni.

Dunbar: - John Johnstone, Josh Hebbon, Stephen Devine, Ross Blair, Stuart Laing (Capt), Mark McEwen, Ryan Gibb, John Twaddle, Daryl Fraser, Stuart Robertson, Steven Girdwood. Subs: - Ross Hastie, Adam Cheetham, Murray Aitken, Trialist #16, Stuart Brown.

Referee: - Mr dddd

Scorers: **Edinburgh Utd-** Finlayson (75 mins, 90+2 mins)

Dunbar- Girdwood (10 mins), Gibb (xx mins), Robertson (70 mins)