

**UK Fire Service v British Police Service**  
**At ToryGlen Regional Football Centre, Glasgow**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 kick off 1600hrs**

Because of adverse weather conditions the game was played on a 3G artificial surface at the ToryGlen Regional Football Centre, Glasgow which was equipped with superb facilities. As in the previous game against the English Prison Service the squad of 27 was decimated and only 11 of the original squad were available on the day. This meant late call-ups for Craig Millar (Tayside) and David Williams (Strathclyde) and a cameo appearance on the subs bench for veteran Graeme Christie (Tayside and Scottish Section Secretary) alongside Martin Mooney (Central Scotland)

**TEAM**

Kevin Bell	-	Strathclyde
Bryan Bell	-	Central Scotland
David Williams	-	Strathclyde
Scott Murphy	-	Central Scotland
Frankie McKeown	-	Strathclyde
Chris Zok	-	Strathclyde
Neil Murphy	-	Cheshire
Lee Thompson	-	Merseyside
Andy Harrison	-	Strathclyde
Michael Gemmell	-	Central Scotland
Roddy Black	-	Tayside

The game started off fast and furious with neither team giving any quarter and after 7 minutes the Fire Service took the lead when skipper Frankie McKeown headed home following a Chris Zok free kick from the right. The Police team responded well and on 13 minutes keeper Kevin Bell had to save bravely at the feet of the Police centre forward. In the 14<sup>th</sup> minute the Referee awarded a penalty to the Fire Service after spotting some shirt pulling by a Police defender and Chris Zok stepped up to send the keeper the wrong way to increase the Fire Service lead and maintain his record of never missing a penalty kick in a competitive match.

The Police continued to press and keeper Bell was kept busy making some important saves to keep them at bay. The Police pressure eventually told and in the 25<sup>th</sup> minute the referee awarded the second penalty of the game in favour of the Police after a dubious hand ball award against Scott Murphy. However keeper Bell who was having a fine game anticipated the penalty kick and made a great save diving to his right. The save spurred the Fire Service team on, Chris Zok and Lee Thompson combined well on the right to create a good opening which was saved by the Police keeper. In the 35<sup>th</sup> minute a good header by Michael Gemmell from a Zok corner was deflected over the bar by a Police defender.

After 39 minutes and against the run of play a long ball through the centre of the Fire Service defence was latched onto by the Police centre forward who went onto calmly finish and put the Police back into the game.

Just before half time Andy Harrison had a great chance to restore the Fire Service 2 goal lead but miskicked in front of goal and the score remained 2 – 1 at the interval.

The Fire Service started the second half brightly and Thompson and Harrison were combining well with Zok to produce some good opportunities.

Roddy Black was now coming into the game and was winning everything in the air and Michael Gemmell played a defence splitting pass which Chris Zok was just unable to get on the end of.

In the 68<sup>th</sup> minute the Fire Service further increased their lead after a great cross from the left by Roddy Black was met by Zok whose header looped over the Police goalkeeper and into the back of the net. Neil Murphy was replaced by Martin Mooney in the 72<sup>nd</sup> minute after suffering a pelvic strain and Jim Robinson (Physio) was called into action to treat keeper Bell after another brave save at the feet of a Police forward.

This was a fine performance by the UK team with excellent individual displays by Kevin Bell, David Williams and Chris Zok.

**FINAL SCORE: BRITISH POLICE 1 - 3 UK FIRE SERVICE**