

## **Tremendous Eastwood beat Trinity 3-2 to reach the quarter finals of the Scottish cup**

Eastwood senior team reach the quarter finals of the Scottish cup after coming from behind to beat Trinity High School 3-2. Goals from Harris Mclean, Keenan Campbell and Calvin Mcgrory gave Eastwood the win in a very good and competitive football match.

Eastwood got off to a flying start and could have been 1-0 up within the first 20 seconds when, from kick off, Keenan played it back to Calvin who dinked it over the top to play Harris through who took it past their full back and shot but hit the post and that gave Eastwood the confidence that they know they can get in behind the Trinity defence. Then Trinity scored shortly after when Calum Patrick got beat for pace by their winger and he ran to the by-line cut it back and Scott managed to get a hand to it but that only pushed it into the path of the centre forward but into a dangerous area and their striker was there to cut in and put it into the top corner. But the Eastwood heads didn't go down and they were deservedly level soon after when a through ball down the line from Calum went to Keenan and he ran down, getting his shirt pulled in the process and cut it back to Harris who sort of scuffed his shot into the bottom corner. A great game so far. The first half carried on with Eastwood sitting back and trying to get balls up to Harris, Keenan and Kyle Taylor and it worked with Trinity having a lot of possession but not really any chances.

Eastwood then took the lead after a long ball from Calvin went to Keenan who sold the centre back taking it the other way and then finessed it into the top corner. It could have been 3 when again Eastwood looked dangerous on the counter attack, Stefan showing great fight fending off 3 men but his shot let him down and dragged it wide. Despite all Trinity's pressure, it was Eastwood having all the chances and they had a good chance when Graeme Murchie burst down the line put the ball across but there was no-one on the end of it and it went out for a throw in. Trinity's only real chance of the first half, apart from the goal, was when a corner was whipped into the far post but he headed it into the side netting, a real relief for Eastwood as he got away from his marker. Again it was Eastwood looking to extend their lead when a ball over from Ewan Keir went to Kyle and he chested it down and hit a fabulous half volley and it just hit the post. That was the last action of the first half, a first half that was very competitive in a sense that Trinity had all the possession and didn't really do much with it but Eastwood had all the chances and that was probably down to Trinity being unable to handle the pace of the Eastwood front 3.

The second half started much like the first ended with Trinity having all the possession but not doing much with it. Eastwood had a great chance to go 3-1 up when Calvin ran down the line, fizzed it into the box, Stefan was there but he couldn't get any sort of real contact on it. Soon after, Lennon got in behind the trinity defence but his shot was blocked by the defender and nothing came of the resulting corner. Eastwood then had a lot of possession but no real clear cut chances, it was trinity who was hitting them on the counter and they missed an absolute sitter when a ball across the Eastwood defence failed to clear and their striker missed from the edge

of the 6 yard box into an empty net. Then came the goal of the season from Calvin Mcgrory; the ball came to him in the air, he hit a half volley from about 35 yards out and it flew into the roof of the net and Eastwood players were ecstatic because they knew that that was the goal which would put them through into the quarter finals of the Scottish cup. But it wasn't as easy as that as Trinity got a second after a poor back pass from Cameron Keir put their striker through on goal and he rounded Scott in goal to put it in and it was backs to the wall time for Eastwood. Eastwood actually had the chance to wrap it up when a through ball from Fraser sent Calvin one on one with the keeper but he hit it straight at the keeper who saved it and managed to stop it going behind him into the net.

Eastwood held on to make the quarter finals of the Scottish cup in an amazing performance of fight and determination. It was also helped by the tactical mastermind that is Mr Maxwell, Eastwood's head teacher, as he was giving players tips on how to get in behind the Trinity defence.