

3rd ROUND SCOTTISH CUP

HEARTS BEAT QUEEN OF THE SOUTH

At Dumfries, Aird teases, Parker of Hearts guesses wrong and the biggest home crowd Queen of the South have ever seen, cheer as Hearts (in the dark jerseys) kick off. Conditions are ideal for good football. Play develops down Hearts right wing as Bauld receives the ball. Binning challenges but Bauld beats him and centres.

Back it comes down the right wing again with Rutherford in charge. Hearts are getting into their stride now ... Rutherford centres. This looks dangerous for the Queen defenders but they finally get the ball away. But back come Hearts and now it's Whittle and Aird in a tussle for the ball; but Binning comes to the rescue and clears. And now it's Queens attacking, as Oakes collects and fires in a shot; but Brown saves comfortably.

Back to the other end and it's Bauld going through the defences. He passes to Laing but the attack fizzles out.

Rutherford now. He centres. Whittle runs up and his snapshot forces Henderson to dive.

And again it's Hearts as Conn races through and Henderson comes out.

At last Hearts score. A perfect pass from Conn gives Whittle a shot and he's scored, to put Hearts one up.

Two minutes to half-time, Hearts score again after a corner kick, when Glidden hooks an awkward ball into the net.

Half-time Hearts two, Queen of the South nil. Resuming, Queens are all out to reduce the lead ... and here comes Houlston, but McKenzie is there to intercept him and the ball goes over for a corner to Queens.

From the kick a head gets to it but Brown saves.

Hearts now force the pace ... attack and attack is their motto. Henderson comes out to collect and clears upfield. Now Queens are attacking. There's a scramble - the ball goes out to Oakes and from fifteen yards he slams it in to make it Hearts two, Queen of the South one.

One more to save the tie and Queens set about getting it with all Dumfries cheering them on. For a moment the Edinburgh side are shaken ... but Brown clears and then again Hearts get moving in their best style.

With the defence split, Conn gets an easy chance and Hearts win the game by three goals to one.