

# **Newport Cup Quarter Final – 2<sup>nd</sup> Let**

## **Caldicot 0 – Chepstow 1 Chepstow won 4-1 on aggregate**

The game started in atrocious conditions with a severe hail storm which lasted for 15 minutes! During this period the match was a scrappy affair with neither side gaining any significant advantage. Chepstow got into their stride far quicker than their local opponents and Eliot Evans had two good opportunities to score.

The midfield of Evans, Day, Stansfield and Harvey were always in control and constantly snuffed out any openings that the black shirts could conjure up. Prettyjohns up front worked well – receiving and holding the ball up and giving us a chance to get forward. He was guilty of missing the best chance of the first half however – when he broke through one-on-one with the keeper and delayed his shot (perhaps too long) and dragged it wide of the goal.

Half time came and at 0-0 it was looking good.

It looked even better though in the second half when Stansfield got wide and crossed. With no pressure on him at all, the defenders smashed the ball into their own net to virtually settle the tie. Caldicot rarely threatened after this and Joe Smith, who had worked hard and well, was replaced by Ryan Samuels with 15 minutes left. Caldicot never really looked like scoring but when they threatened, the backs of Harvey, Jon Massie, James Munday and Adam Morrissey, were very solid.

We can now look forward to a semi-final with Duffryn and hopefully a final tie with Caerleon.

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