

Rottenrow extended their lead at the top of West District 2 to 9 points with a comfortable 4-0 win over Greenock, in horrendous conditions at Scotstoun.

With only David Prentice absent, the squad seemed relaxed before the game - Mike in particular was keen to tell stories of his evening with Scarlett Johanssen. This relaxed attitude led to the returning Phil Gilchrist opening the scoring after only a few minutes, before a short corner strike from Andy Martin put 'Row 2-0 up shortly after.

Ben Brewer was desperate to get involved in the action, so much so that he attempted to take the field without a stick. He reacted quickly as always though, and high fived Charlie Bowie with one hand, while swiftly stealing his stick with the other. Brewer quickly made an impact, adding Rottenrow's third with a trademark close range finish.

Right back Andrew Tait was putting in a storming performance, clearly inspired by the presence of his girlfriend on the sidelines, while on the other flank, Mark Dodds was clearly reinvigorated by the fact he was no longer the only member of the team in his thirties.

HT: Rottenrow 3-0 Greenock

The second half saw 'Row continue to put pressure on the Greenock defence, with little success until Gilchrist grabbed his second. He then inexplicably failed to complete his hat-trick by missing from two yards out, before immediately substituting himself. We later found out that, ever the gentleman, Phil had heard that his girlfriend had missed a sitter in her game, and he did the same just so she wouldn't feel bad. At least, that's his story, and he's sticking to it.

Despite the comfortable lead, 'Row refused to give any less than 100%, epitomised by Steve Lamont throwing himself into the fence in a successful attempt to chase down and stop a ball. This huge team effort, however, eventually took its toll, and the tiredness began to show, with Dodds attempting to break the world record for "most fouls in the shortest time without being carded". Back stick – warning, deliberate foot – got away with it, brutal stick tackle on a small child – overshadowed by an even worse one by Andy shortly after!

Despite the tiredness, 'Row's defence remained secure. Crampo had very little to do, and what might have been a troublesome moment right at the end was prevented, by Man of The Match Mat Entwistle as he robbed the Greenock centre forward mid-swing, and secured another clean-sheet.

Team: Crampsey; Tait, Entwistle, Martin, Dodds; Stallard, A Lamont, S Lamont; Smith, Bowie, Gilchrist. Subs: Maidwell, Brewer

Goals: Gilchrist (2), Martin, Brewer.

MOTM: Entwistle

DOTD: Dodds