

# Sixty miles to Kilmarnock – but the game I won't relay...

Kilmarnock 3 Heart of Midlothian 0

Ladbrokes Premiership, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
2019 – Rugby Park

Hearts miserable season continued in deepest Ayrshire on Saturday when a calamitous eight-minute spell early in the first half saw Kilmarnock score three goals to ensure another woeful weekend for the Maroon Army.

Hearts

interim Head Coach Austin MacPhee made just one change to the team that

hammered St Mirren at Tynecastle a fortnight ago with Glenn Whelan replacing Andrew Irving.

There

was an early warning sign for the visitors when Killie's Burke set up Bruce but

Clevid Dikamona thwarted the home player and the ball cannoned off Hearts

keeper Joel Pereira.

After

Jamie Walker spurned an opportunity to put the visitors in front the roof fell

in on Hearts afternoon in spectacular fashion.

In

the eighth minute Killie's El Makrini was given far too much time to set up

Burke and the former Rangers man picked his spot from six yards to put the home

side in front.

Just

five minutes later Killie doubled their advantage and again it was down to poor defending from Hearts as Brophy was given the freedom of Rugby Park to head home.

Two

minutes later it was all over as contest when Burke was allowed to run unchallenged towards the Hearts goal before firing home Killie's third goal.

To

paraphrase a song by The Proclaimers it was sixty miles to Kilmarnock to see the Jambos play – but the rest of the game I won't relay.

Suffice

to say if Austin MacPhee is given the Hearts manager's job permanently there will be a lot of unhappy Hearts supporters.

**Kilmarnock:** Branescu, O'Donnell, Del

Fabro, Bruce, Hamalainen, Power, Dicker, El Makrini, McKenzie (Millar, 85'),

Burke (Thomas, 89'), Brophy (Sow, 85').

**Hearts:** Pereira, Smith, Berra,

White, Dikamona (Clare, 57'), Hickey (Mulraney, 46'), Bozanic, Walker, Whelan,

Ikpeazu (Meshino, 80'), Naismith.

**Referee:** Bobby Madden

**Attendance:**

6,728

**Top man:** No one to be frank