

Match Report

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Third Times a Charm

City Islanders shutout DC United 1-0

(Landisville, PA, July 11, 2007) –The Harrisburg City Islanders (USL-2) defeated DC United (MLS) by a score of 1-0 on Wednesday evening in the Third Round of the U.S. Open Cup in front of 5,219 thrilled spectators at Hempfield High School in Landisville, PA. Steve Fisher notched the lone goal of the match in the 44th minute as a result of a corner kick taken by David Schofield.

The match billed as “The Clash of the Capitals III” was the third meeting for the two squads with the first two encounters as exhibitions with DC victorious in both.

This was the first time that DC United had fallen to a Second Division side in the Open Cup, and only the third time that they have lost to a USL club at any level. This is the first U.S. Open Cup appearance for the Islanders.

The first half saw a Harrisburg side that had a few unexpected opportunities but no conversions, while DC United displayed their talents with similar results. But then without warning, Fisher headed the corner kick into an open net and the crowd and the belief that a win was possible erupted.

DC United attacked mercilessly throughout the second half but Harrisburg’s defense withstood the storm and had several counter attacks to keep their opponents honest. As the final whistle sounded the fans who had been holding their collective breaths rose to their feet in jubilation with the unexpected result.

The Isle Guys who move onto the Quarterfinal Round will next face the New England Revolution (MLS) on August 7 at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow MA which is familiar territory for the Islanders as it is the home of the Western Mass Pioneers (USL-2)

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