

In a football match that lasted a whopping 24 hours and raised **£9000+** for TACC, two teams, the Lion Rampants and the Saltires, gave their all to

raise money for disadvantaged children. Tired legs battled against the pain to complete the challenge in aid of the Tartan Army Children's Charity.

They played from midday on Friday 29th to midday on Saturday 30th July at Ravenscraig Regional Sports Centre. Over 30 players were involved over

the 24 hours, averaging over 10 hours each and many players running over 26 miles. On the final whistle the score was 500 - 406 to the Saltires.

Daniel Turner, who played for the Lion Rampants said "*the match was tough, especially through the night when it was dark and we wanted to sleep,*

and we all had different strains and aches. It felt brilliant to reach the final whistle and know we'd raised a lot of money to help TACC do the fabulous

work it does in Scotland and overseas." Children were invited to join the fun, playing for free on another pitch. Amongst those taking part were Frame

Footballers from Partick Thistle Charitable Trust coached by Scotland Cerebral Palsy player Deano Thornton, and Bonnyton Thistle 2004s and Dalziel

Boys Club. James McAuley, Dalziel coach said "*We were delighted to be involved in this charity event. Our boys enjoyed their game and it is good for*

them to be aware that other children don't have the same opportunities as them and they're pleased to have helped out." Junior players were put through

their paces on Friday afternoon by Steve Farrell of Dumbarton FC with drills and ball skills, and lots of children playing Beat the Goalie & Crossbar

Challenge. Steve said "*It's a pleasure to support TACC today. □ It's important for football to be accessible to all children and it's always fun teaching kids*

new skills and encouraging them to work hard and enjoy the game." The event was sponsored by Community Trade Union with support from the SFA

and Lidl, and was run by volunteers. It was greatly assisted with many generous donations of raffle and tombola prizes. If you would like to make a

donation in recognition of the brave lads who played for 24 hours, you can do any of the following:

Text TACC24 £5 (or any other amount) to 70070 to donate.□ Every penny including gift aid will go to TACC. Please refer to your network operator's standard rates for text charges. You will receive a confirmation text and the opportunity to donate gift aid.□

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