



Greenisland 1-5 Ballyclare Comrades

Saturday 22nd August 2020 – Pre-season Friendly

Ballyclare Comrades team (4-2-3-1)

- 19. Jack Ferguson
- 17. Kevin Hagan 🏹 (3')
- 5. Kyle Crawford 🏹 (46') 🟢 (86')
- 20. Elliot McKim 🏹 (46') 🟢 (68')
- 14. Dale McCreery 🏹 (26')
- 4. Jordan Malone 🏹 (46') 🟢 (68')
- 8. JB Dobbin 🏹 (86')
- 7. Thomas Robinson 🏹 (61) 🏹 (75) 🏹 (80')
- 11. Ciaran Dobbin 🏹 (68')
- 9. Gareth McGuinness 🏹 (46') 🟢 (82') 🏹 (90+3')
- 10. Trialist 🏹 (68')

Substitutes:

- 2. Curtis Woods 🟢 (3')
- 3. Lee McCune 🟢 (26')
- 6. Adam McCart 🟢 (46')
- 23. Jason Johnston 🟢 (46') 🏹 (83')
- 16. Ashton McDermott 🟢 (46')
- 15. Adam Gray 🟢 (46') 🏹 (51')

Comrades travelled to Glenkeen Avenue for a pre-season game and emerged with a comfortable win, although they had to turn on the style in the second half to overturn a half-time deficit.

The first half saw the hosts more than match their Championship opponents. They grabbed the lead in the 15th minute. A surge into the box was ended by a foul and the resulting penalty was duly dispatched.

The visitors looked very rusty in the opening 45 minutes and struggled to create much. Their best effort came on 24 minutes when a cross from Thomas Robinson found the head of the Trialist 6 yards out and his effort produced a good save from the 'keeper.

After some appropriate words at half time from manager Paul Harbinson Comrades emerged for the second half a different side. They looked much sharper and dynamic and soon got their reward.

Six minutes into the half JB Dobbin surged forward and found Adam Gray just inside the box and he then struck a superb effort which dipped over the 'keeper and just under the bar.

A minute later Comrades had an escape at the other end when the hosts struck the crossbar, but the flow of play was now generally towards the Greenisland goal.

On 61 minutes the young Trialist was brought down in the box and a penalty was awarded which Thomas Robinson converted to give his side the lead.

Nine minutes later Robinson fired a second penalty into the back of the net after Ashton McDermott had been flattened in the box.

In the 82nd minute McDermott was unlucky to see a header from a Gareth McGuinness corner trike the bar. However, a minute later Comrades grabbed a fourth goal when good pressing forced a stray back-pass and Jason Johnston was gifted the ball. He took full advantage with a confident finish from 16 yards.

The scoring was completed three minutes into injury-time when good play from Jason Johnston set up a chance for Gareth McGuinness who rocketed a shot into the net from 12 yards.