



Ballyclare Comrades 1-3 Carrick Rangers

Tuesday 1st September 2020 – Pre-season Friendly

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

1. Ben McCauley 📌 (46')
2. Curtis Woods 📌 (67')
6. Adam McCart
5. Jordan Malone
3. Lee McCune 📌 (70')
4. Samuel McIlveen 📌 (24') 📌 (61') 📌 (73')
8. Ashton McDermott 📌 (73') 📌 (83')
11. Ciarán Dobbin 📌 (57')
24. Gary Donnelly 📌 (83')
14. Adam Gray 📌 (71')
9. Nathan O'Neill

Substitutes:

19. Jack Ferguson 📌 (46')
15. Trialist 📌 (70')
22. Trialist 📌 (67')
23. Trialist 📌 (61')
7. Thomas Robinson 📌 (57')
17. Gareth McGuinness 📌 (71')

In the first of three pre-season friendlies at Dixon Park against Premiership opposition, Comrades produced a battling display but lost to Carrick Rangers. The visitors threatened first and on 5 minutes Ben McCauley had to make a good save to keep out a fierce strike from Neale.

Comrades soon settled and were more than a match for their opponents. In the 24th minute they were rewarded with a penalty after Nathan O'Neill was fouled in the box. Samuel McIlveen stepped up to confidently dispatch the spot-kick.

The visitors struck ten minutes later when Ferrin headed in from an in-swinging corner.

The visitors no had their tails up and on 36 minutes Ben McCauley had to make a fine save to keep the scores level.

The hosts had a couple of half chances from headers early in the second half. On 55 minutes Gary Donnelly headed wide from a Curtis Woods cross. Then, a minute later, Ciarán Dobbin flashed a header just wide.

The latter stages of the game saw Carrick assert some control and pull away for victory. In the 78th minute a superb strike from the edge of the box saw Hassin find the back of the net. Then, with the last kick of the game, a penalty was converted to make it 3-1 to the visitors.