



Ballyclare Comrades 1-5 Linfield

Saturday 26th September 2020 – Pre-season Friendly

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

- 19. Jack Ferguson
- 14. Dale McCreery 📌 (58')
- 6. Adam McCart 📌 (71')
- 20. Elliot McKim
- 3. Lee McCune
- 24. Gary Donnelly 📌 (42') 📌 (45')
- 18. Ashton McDermott
- 7. Thomas Robinson 📌 (79')
- 11. Ciarán Dobbin 📌 (79')
- 21. Adam Gray
- 16. Nathan O'Neill 📌 (16')

Substitutes:

- 2. Curtis Woods 📌 (58')
- 5. Kyle Crawford 📌 (71')
- 4. Samuel McIlveen 📌 (45')
- 15. Jordan Malone 📌 (79')
- 22. Matthew Herron 📌 (79')
- 23. Jason Johnston 📌 (16')

Comrades welcomed Premier League champions for a pre-season game at Dixon Park and ended up on the end of a heavy defeat.

The game started in lively fashion with Jack Ferguson having to make a smart save at the near post inside the 1st minute. Then a minute later Ashton McDermott got in good effort from 10 yards which forced a decent save from visiting 'keeper Moore. In the 9th minute Linfield came close when Lavery stuck the post after a one-on-one with the 'keeper. However, seven minutes later the visitors' striker made no mistake when he stooped to head in from 6 yards after getting on the end of a cross in from the left.

Linfield doubled their lead on 25 minutes when Haughey scrambled the ball in from a corner and the visitors were now well in control.

Comrades kept trying to get forward and in the 42nd minute they got their reward with a penalty awarded after Jason Johnston was fouled inside the box. Gary Donnelly stepped up to convert from the spot.

The second half saw Linfield dominate for the most part and they restored a two-goal advantage in the 55th minute when Waterworth got behind the home defence and slotted the ball wide of the 'keeper and inside the far post from 14 yards. Waterworth got his name on the scoresheet again on 67 minutes with a bullet header from 5 yards from a Stewart cross. The scoring was completed in the 84th minute when a penalty was awarded and Shevlin made no mistake with his effort.