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Ballyclare Comrades 4-0 Knockbreds

Saturday 21st September 2019 – Bluefin NIFL Championship

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Ballyclare Comrades team (4-4-2)

1. Ben McCauley
2. Curtis Woods
5. Kyle Crawford
20. Adam McCart
3. Lee McCune
7. Thomas Robinson 📌 (87')
11. Ciaran Dobbin 📌 (3') 📌 (79')
10. Jake McNeill 📌 (57')
21. Adam Gray 📌 (49')
14. Joe Tully 📌 (47')
26. Lukasz Adamczyk 📌 (83')

Substitutes:

19. Tom Hegan
23. Jonathon Doey
4. Samuel McIlveen 📌 (79')
15. Jordan Malone 📌 (83')
9. Fra Nolan 📌 (87')

Knockbreds: Russell, Johnston, McKinley, Hamill, Spence, Rice, McCauley, McGreevy, Pomeroy, Bennett, Cafolla . Subs: Delaney, Mallin, Shaw, Halfpenny, Wardlow.

Comrades ended their losing streak with a comprehensive victory over Knockbreds at Dixon Park.

Manager Paul Harbinson made some changes to the starting line-up, with Kyle Crawford, Thomas Robinson, Adam Gray and Lukasz Adamczyk coming in.

The game opened in great fashion for the home side when they took the lead in the 3rd minute. A corner played in by Thomas Robinson saw the ball break to Ciaran

Dobbin 16 yards from goal and he struck an excellent shot through the crowded box and into the net, giving the 'keeper no chance.

Comrades continued to look the more likely side for the rest of the first half but were unable to find a way through the Knockbreda defence to add to their lead.

The early stages of the second half saw the hosts blow the visitors away with two quick-fire goals. In the 47th minute Joe Tully scored, finishing a good move with a shot from inside the box. Then, two minutes later, Adam Gray got in a header at the back post which found the net to make it 3-0.

Knockbreda never recovered from this and failed to mount a serious attempt at a recovery, with Comrades looking comfortable at the back.

The home side looked capable of adding to their haul of goals, with their build-up play looking impressive. They made it four in the 57th minute, when Jake McNeill scored a fantastic goal, rocketing the ball into the bottom corner of the net from outside the box.

There were to be no more goals, but Comrades supporters were very satisfied by a much-improved performance from their team.

Reflecting on the upturn in fortunes Harbinson said, "It's only a win and we must build on it. The most important point is that confidence has been restored following a string of defeats."