



Ballyclare Comrades 0-1 Glentoran

Saturday 20th July 2019 – Pre-season Friendly

Ballyclare Comrades team (4-5-1)

1. Ben McCauley
2. Curtis Woods
5. Kyle Crawford
23. Jonathon Doey 📌 (46')
18. Matthew Henry 📌 (70')
8. JB Dobbin 📌 (46')
24. Gary Donnelly 📌 (46')
15. Jordan Malone
10. Jake McNeill 📌 (70')
11. Ciaran Dobbin 📌 (84')
16. Jamie Willighan

Substitutes:

19. Tom Hegan
3. Lee McCune 📌 (70')
20. Adam McCart 📌 (46')
12. Nathan Sloss 📌 (84')
27. Trialist 📌 (70')
4. Samuel McIlveen 📌 (46')
21. Kyle Beggs 📌 (46')

Comrades fell to a narrow defeat to visiting Premiership side Glentoran, but supporters will be encouraged by a competitive performance from their team. Wearing their new centenary kit things started badly for the home side when they fell behind inside three minutes, Glentoran scoring when Birney glanced a header in from a corner after meeting it at the near post.

Two minutes later Comrades had a great chance to equalise. Ciaran Dobbin got into space on the left side of the box and played the ball to Jamie Willighan who was arriving at the edge of the 6-yard box. The striker looked set to score, but his effort went disappointingly wide of the target.

The rest of the first half saw Glentoran dominate possession, knocking the ball around impressively, but they were kept out by a dogged home side, who were able to stop any serious chances being made.

Two minutes into the second half, Comrades came close to levelling the score, when Jordan Malone fed Kyle Beggs who made space for a shot from 16 yards which went just wide of the post.

On 56 minutes the home side came close again with an audacious effort from Jake McNeill, who saw the 'keeper off his line and sent an effort from 40 yards just over the bar.

Glentoran continued to dominate possession but found Comrades resolute defending hard to break down. Consequently, Ben McCauley in goals wasn't unduly troubled and the margin of the visitors' lead remained narrow at the final whistle.