



Greenisland 0-4 Ballyclare Comrades

Tuesday 23rd July 2019 – Pre-season Friendly

Ballyclare Comrades team (4-4-2)

- 19. Tom Hegan
- 18. Michael Henry 🏴 (46')
- 6. Michael McQuitty
- 23. Jonathon Doey 🏴 (46')
- 3. Lee McCune
- 4. Samuel McIlveen 🏴 (46')
- 8. JB Dobbin 🏴 (46')
- 24. Gary Donnelly 🏴 (46')
- 11. Ciaran Dobbin 🏴 (46')
- 21. Kyle Beggs 🎯 (3') 🏴 (66')
- 9. Fra Nolan 🎯 (56') 🏴 (69')

Substitutes:

- 1. Ben McCauley
- 2. Curtis Woods 🟢 (46')
- 20. Adam McCart 🟢 (46')
- 25. Trialist 🟢 (46')
- 10. Jake McNeill 🟢 (46')
- 15. Jordan Malone 🟢 (66')
- 17. Tom Patchett 🟢 (46')
- 14. Joe Tully 🟢 (46') 🎯 (53')
- 16. Jamie Willighan 🟢 (69') 🎯 (85')

Comrades were reunited with several old friends as they continued their pre-season schedule, visiting Greenisland, who count several former Ballyclare players amongst their management and squad.

The visitors started strongly and soon had the lead in the 3rd minute when Ciaran Dobbin ran at the home defence and then laid the ball off to Kyle Beggs, who neatly made space for shot from just outside the box which was sweetly struck past the despairing dive of the 'keeper.

Comrades, despite having much of the play, didn't manage to build on this good start and Greenisland began to pose a threat on the break. On 38 minutes, from one such quick thrust up-field, they forced a mistake from a back-pass, after which

'keeper Tom Hegan had little choice but to bring an opponent down in the box. A penalty was awarded, but Hegan made a good save to preserve his side's lead. Comrades, with several substitutes introduced, stepped up the pace in the second half, running at the home defence and causing them lots of problems. On 53 minutes a determined surge forward by Curtis Woods end with him playing the ball to Joe Tully inside the box, who then made no mistake with a confident finish from 17 yards.

Three minutes later the lead was extend further with Fra Nolan, only signed on loan from Ballymena the day before, producing a sweet finish from 15 yard, after being set up by Joe Tully.

The lively Tully was also involved in the final goal on 85 minutes, when he played Jamie Wilighan in for a chance from 16 yards, which he converted with an excellent strike.