



Ballyclare Comrades 8-0 H&W Welders

Tuesday 13th August 2019 – Bluefin NIFL Championship

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Ballyclare Comrades team (4-3-3)

1. Ben McCauley 🏴 (74')
2. Curtis Woods 🏴 (51')
6. Michael McQuitty
23. Jonathon Doey 🏴 (76')
22. Matthew Henry
24. Gary Donnelly
4. Samuel McIlveen
10. Jake McNeill 🟡 (23') 🏴 (56') 🏴 (74')
21. Kyle Beggs 🏴 (7') 🏴 (69') 🏴 (72')
16. Jamie Willighan 🏴 (44') 🏴 (65') 🏴 (70')
9. Fra Nolan

Substitutes:

19. Tom Hegan 🟢 (74')
8. JB Dobbin
11. Ciaran Dobbin 🟢 (74')
7. Thomas Robinson
14. Joe Tully 🟢 (70')

H&W Welders: Miskelly, Dornan, Glover, Nixon, Wright, Deans, Graham, Gwiazda, Arthurs, Smith, Davidson. Subs: Hall, Nelson, McMurtry, Grierson, McKay.

The entertainment factor is through the roof at the moment at Dixon Park, as Comrades made it an incredible 15 goals in two games, with a eight goal rout of H&W Welders in a remarkable Championship encounter.

The only change to the starting line-up for this match was enforced, with Kyle Crawford being ruled out with an injury and Michael McQuitty coming in to replace him in the centre of defence.

Comrades started brightly and soon had the lead. On 7 minutes a corner was met by a powerful header from Jake McNeill which came back off the crossbar. However the ball was knocked back towards Kyle Beggs who neatly flicked it into the net in from 4 yards out.

Two minutes later the visitors were unfortunate not to equalise when Davidson made space for an effort from the edge of the box which was well struck, but came back off the post.

Then, on 10 minutes, Welders came close again. This time a corner was met by a Gwiazda header which was only kept out by a clearance off the line.

The action continued and seconds later the home side came close when Kyle Beggs fired in a low shot from 18 yards, which 'keeper Miskelly had to turn past the base of the post.

As the half progressed the visitors began to have the bulk of the possession and Comrades had to work hard and defend well to keep them at bay. However in the 37th minute Welders had a great chance when Smith deftly took down a long ball played into the box, but his resulting effort from 12 yards went tamely wide of the target.

Somewhat against the run of play Comrades grabbed a second goal shortly before the break. In the 44th minute Matthew Henry linked up with Fra Nolan on the left before playing a teasing ball across the 6-yard box, which eluded a defender before reaching Jamie Willighan, who slid in to score.

Right from the start of the second half Comrades dominated and they soon had a third goal. Curtis Woods got forward to intercept the ball inside the Welders half, before advancing and hitting a sweetly struck effort past the 'keeper's despairing dive from 25 yards.

The home side were playing with confidence, pace and style and increased the lead further in the 56th minute when, after good work from Curtis Woods and Gary Donnelly, Jake McNeill curled a shot into the net from just outside the box.

Comrades continued to torment their opponents and it was 5-0 in the 65th minute. Jamie Willighan was chopped down as he broke into the box to get on the end of a Kyle Beggs low cross. A penalty was awarded and Willighan himself stepped up to score from the spot.

Four minutes later the sixth goal went in. Kyle Beggs linked up with Jake McNeill and ran into the box to coolly finish past the advancing 'keeper.

The rout continued in the 72nd minute when Kyle Beggs bagged his hat-trick. He ran onto a ball into the box and fired an effort inside the near post from an angle 5 yards out.

The scoring was completed on 76 minutes. Joe Tully played in a free-kick from wide on the right which Miskelly failed to hold, with the ball rebounding out to Jonathon Doey who knocked the ball into the net from 4 yards.

The misery wasn't complete for the visitors however. In the 85th minute Davidson launched himself into a reckless challenge near the touchline and received a straight red card.

