



Ards 2-0 Ballyclare Comrades

Saturday 14th September 2019 – Bluefin NIFL Championship

Ballyclare Comrades team (4-3-3)

1. Ben McCauley
2. Curtis Woods 🟡 (43')
6. Michael McQuitty 🔴 (77')
20. Adam McCart
3. Lee McCune
22. Matthew Henry 🟡 (85')
15. Jordan Malone
10. Jake McNeill 🔴 (71')
9. Fra Nolan
14. Joe Tully 🔴 (79')
11. Ciaran Dobbin

Substitutes:

19. Tom Hegan
5. Kyle Crawford 🟢 (77')
4. Samuel McIlveen 🟢 (71')
7. Thomas Robinson
26. Lukasz Adamczyk 🟢 (79')

Ards: Neeson, McMillan, Armstrong, McGovern, Taylor, McMillen, Nelson, D McAllister, E McAllister, Calderwood, Cushnie. Subs: McLellan, Wilson, Harris, McConnell, Wynne.

Comrades' poor run of results continued with defeat away to Ards.

The home side had the first chance of the game in the 7th minute when Eamon McAllister's shot from the edge of the box was well saved by Ben McCauley.

Ards were on top for most of the first half, with Comrades struggling to get into the game. It was no surprise when the hosts opened the scoring on 28 minutes, Cushnie running onto a through ball and coolly finishing past the advancing 'keeper from inside the box.

In the 35th minute Cushnie had a chance to double his tally when he attempted to lob Ben McCauley from the edge of the box, but the 'keeper was able to stretch to save.

Two minutes into the second half the visitors came close to an equaliser when Jordan Malone was unfortunate to see a well struck shot come back hit the bar. At the other end, on 54 minutes, Ards struck the inside of the post from a cross-shot played in by David McAllister. From the rebound Eamon McAllister's effort was cleared away from in front of the goal-line.

On the hour Comrades had a golden opportunity to level the scores when a penalty was awarded for an infringement inside the box. Joe Tully stepped up to take the spot-kick, but his weak effort was saved by Neeson.

Two minutes later Ards twisted the knife by scoring a second goal, when McMillen's cross into the box found McMillan unmarked and he had the time to control the ball and blast it into the net from 6 yards.

The visitors now looked deflated and didn't really threaten to make a comeback. The hosts looked more likely to add to their tally and had a chance late in the game when Eamon McAllister's dangerous ball played across the 6-yard box looked set to have the finish applied by Cushnie, but the striker just failed to make contact with the ball and Comrades were able to clear.