



Coleraine 9-0 Ballyclare Comrades

Saturday 9th July 2016 – Pre-Season Friendly

Ballyclare Comrades team (4-2-3-1)

1. Ross McKnight
2. Kyle McCauley 🏴 (75')
5. Chris Getty 🏴 (77')
4. Dean Youle
3. Mark Shannon
6. Michael McQuitty 🏴 (59') 🟢 (77')
8. JB Dobbin 🏴 (59') 🟢 (75')
7. Michael O'Hanlon
10. Denver Taggart 🏴 (59')
11. Adam Gray
9. Kyle Dillon 🏴 (59')

Substitutes:

12. Ryan Sands 🟢 (59')
14. Corey McMullan 🟢 (59')
15. Adam Irwin 🟢 (59')
16. Johnny McClurg 🟢 (59')

Coleraine: Johns, Kane, Edgar, McConaghie, Mullan, Lyons, McCafferty, McCauley, Brown, Morrow, McGonigle. Subs: Law, Parkhill, McLaughlin.

It was a day to forget for Comrades, as they caved in badly in a woeful second half to suffer an embarrassing nine-goal defeat, in a pre-season friendly game played on the artificial surface at the University of Ulster Coleraine.

A number of regulars were missing for the men in red, but the same could no doubt be said for their opponents.

The early signs were not good when the Bannsideers took the lead in the 5th minutes; McGonigle striking home all too easily from 7 yards.

Two minutes later it was almost 2-0, when Lyons crashed a shot off the bar from 14 yards.

On 9 minutes Comrades almost had the equaliser. A good ball played into the box by Mark Shannon was headed on to the far post area by Denver Taggart, where Kyle Dillon slid in to put it just past the post, under pressure from a defender 3 yards out. Whilst Coleraine continued to look dangerous, Comrades were well in the game during the first period. Both sides could have notched a goal late in the half. On 40 minutes Darren McCauley broke clear for Coleraine, only to be denied by a good block from Ross McKnight. Then, two minutes later, Chris Getty was denied by a superb block from Mullan as he looked to fire the ball home from close range, after getting on the end of a free-kick played into the box by Michael O'Hanlon.

The travelling Comrades supporters would have had a fair degree of optimism going into the second half, but it was soon dispelled.

Barely a minute after the re-start Coleraine were two ahead, when a corner was played low to the near post area, where the unmarked Mullan was able to sweep the ball in from 6 yards out.

In the 58th minute, it was 3-0. Ross McKnight did well to block an effort from McLaughlin, but the loose ball fell back out to the Coleraine striker who this time made no mistake from 5 yards.

Manager Stephen Hughes introduced his four substitutes en masse, but the one-way traffic continued and soon Coleraine were four goals to the good, when Parkhill headed in from 3 yards out at the near post on 61 minutes.

On 67 minutes the rout continued when Brown tapped in from close range.

Comrades were chasing shadows and a horrific last eight minutes of the game saw them throw in the towel and concede four more goals, scored by McCafferty, McCauley, Parkhill, and Brown. The pick of these being a delightful curled finish from the edge of the box by Parkhill for the eighth goal.