



Dundela 2-6 Ballyclare Comrades

Saturday 6th August – Pre-Season Friendly

Ballyclare Comrades team

(4-2-3-1)

1. Paddy Flood
2. Curtis Woods
6. Stuart McCullough 🏹 (46')
5. Michael McQuitty
3. Dean Youle
4. Jake McNeill ⚽ (27') ⚽ (30')
8. JB Dobbin 🏹 (55')
7. Denver Taggart 🏹 (70')
10. Michael O'Hanlon ⚽ (46') 🏹 (65')
11. Adam Gray ⚽ (9') ⚽ (33')
9. Adam Irwin 🏹 (55') 🟢 (70')

Substitutes:

12. Chris Getty 🟢 (46')
14. Simon McGowan 🟢 (55')
15. Bobbie Crowe 🟢 (65') ⚽ (88')
18. Kyle Dillon 🟢 (55')

Comrades ended their pre-season in style with six goals from a visit to Dundela. The first half saw Stephen Hughes' side produce a fine display of high pressing which caused all sorts of problems for the home defence.

The visitors almost opened the scoring in the 3rd minute, when Adam Irwin, did very well to get to the by-line in the box and then play the ball into the 6-yard box, where Adam Gray back-heeled it against the post from 4 yards out,

In the 9th minute Adam Gray was quickly onto a defender who was looking for a little too much time on the ball in the box. Gray stole the ball from him and fired it past the exposed 'keeper from 8 yards.

Comrades continued to look dangerous, giving the home defence little respite. In the 27th minute it was 2-0, when a fine move ended with trialist Jake McNeill flicking the ball chest-high into the net from 6 yards.

Three minutes later McNeill was on the scoresheet again. In the 33rd minute, more excellent work from the impressive Adam Irwin, saw him again surge past his marker into the box and get to the by-line, from where he picked out McNeill, who shot home first-time from 7 yards.

It wasn't long before a rampant Comrades had a fourth goal. More fine pressing won the ball deep in the Dundela half and it was played through to Adam Gray, who calmly shot low past the 'keeper from 10 yards.

On 43 minutes the visitors came close again, when a free-kick, hit by Michael O'Hanlon from just outside the corner of the box, clipped the far post.

The second half started with another Comrades goal within the first 30 seconds. This time it was Michael O'Hanlon who was on the mark when his volley from 10 yards out on the right side of the box took a deflection off a defender and flew past the wrong-footed 'keeper.

A minute later it was almost six, when Adam Gray was again denied by the woodwork. This time his well struck shot from the edge of the box struck the outside of the post.

The second half was however to be a more even affair than the first and Dundela did their fair share of attacking. In the 63rd minute they pulled a goal back after a scramble in the box.

The final minutes of the game saw a goal for either side. In the 88th minute, Bobbie Crowe scored for Comrades after he fashioned a flick 8 yards out, which saw the ball loop up over everyone and drop under the bar after a corner. Then, from the restart, the home side broke forward and grabbed a goal with a crisp shot from inside the box.