



## Ballyclare Comrades 4-3 Glenavon

Wednesday 3rd August 2016 – Pre-season friendly

### Ballyclare Comrades team

(4-4-2)

1. Paddy Flood
2. Curtis Woods ⚽ (16')
6. Stuart McCullough
5. Chris Getty 🏴 (46')
3. Mark Shannon 🏴 (37')
7. Michael O'Hanlon ⚽ (61') ⚽ (85')
4. Simon McGowan 🏴 (58')
8. JB Dobbin
11. Adam Irwin ⚽ (16') 🏴 (58')
9. Chris Trussell 🏴 (48')
10. Gary Brown 🏴 (68')

### Substitutes:

12. Dean Youle 🏴 (37')
14. Adam Gray 🏴 (58')
15. Michael McQuitty 🏴 (46')
16. Bobbie Crowe 🏴 (68')
17. Ian Brownlees 🏴 (48')
18. Denver Taggart 🏴 (58')

Comrades emerged with a win in an entertaining pre-season game against a Glenavon team, which although far from its strongest still include a number of experienced players.

In the 12<sup>th</sup> minute the home side were grateful to 'keeper Paddy Flood who did well to come out to smother an effort from Delaney after he had latched onto a loose cross-field ball and raced to the edge of the 6-yard box.

Both sides were playing some good attacking football, but it was Comrades who made the breakthrough in the 16<sup>th</sup> minute; a surging run into the box by Adam Irwin ending with him calmly laying the ball back to Curtis Woods, who slammed it past the helpless 'keeper from 7 yards.

Five minutes later it was 2-0. A well worked short corner between Mark Shannon and Michael O'Hanlon caught Glenavon unprepared and the ball was played in to Adam Irwin, who neatly finished with a first-time shot from 5 yards out.

In the 29<sup>th</sup> minute the visitors reduced the deficit when Jenkins, the teenage hero of their Charity Shield win over Crusaders, finished from close range.

The second half was in its first minute when Glenavon grabbed the equaliser. Comrades were guilty of not playing to the whistle, expecting play to be stopped for a foul, and Martyn took full advantage sending a looping effort from all of 40 yards into the net.

The visitors now had their tails up and soon they were ahead, when in the 51<sup>st</sup> minute McIlmail fired the ball into the roof of the net from 4 yards out.

The action continued and the home side were back on level terms in the 58<sup>th</sup> minute. Gary Brown got to the ball in the box just before 'keeper Taylor, who was committed to go for it and therefore brought the diminutive striker down. A penalty was awarded and Michael O'Hanlon duly despatched it into the back of the net.

The winner came in the 85<sup>th</sup> minute. Taylor made a great save from a shot from Comrades trialist Ian Brownlees, but Michael O'Hanlon was on the spot to slot home the rebound from 4 yards.