



Moyola Park 3-1 Ballyclare Comrades

Saturday 16th July 2016 – Pre-Season Friendly

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

1. Paddy Flood
2. Curtis Woods 📉 (73')
6. Stuart McCullough 📉 (77')
5. Dean Youle 📉 (46') 📈 (61')
3. Mark Shannon
4. Michael McQuitty 📉 (61')
8. JB Dobbin 📉 (61')
7. Michael O'Hanlon
11. Denver Taggart 📉 (76')
10. Adam Gray 📉 (46') 📈 (76')
9. Chris Trussell 📉 (68')

Substitutes:

12. Kyle Dillon 📈 (46')
14. Simon McGowan 📈 (46')
15. Adam Irwin 📈 (68')
16. Johnny McClurg 📈 (61')
17. Kyle McCauley 📈 (73')
18. Bobbie Crowe 📈 (73')

Comrades welcomed back most of their first team regulars for this pre-season game against Moyola Park, but they struggled for rhythm and looked rusty as they fell to a disappointing defeat.

The early signs for the visitors were good when they hit the front in the 6th minute; a Moyola defender could only turn the ball into his own net in trying to prevent Chris Trussell getting to it, after a super low cross in from the right from Michael O'Hanlon.

However, the home side were soon level, six minutes later, when a stray pass back by JB Dobbin was picked up by Paul, who ran free on goal before slotting the ball past Paddy Flood.

The rest of the first half was fairly typical uninspiring pre-season fare and the sides went in at half-time on level terms.

Moyola took the lead in the 53rd minute, when they took advantage of space on the right and a ball was played in to Conor Taggart, who finished easily from 6 yards.

Comrades came close to an equaliser on 67 minutes, when Chris Trussell's well-struck effort from the edge of the box was kept out by a fine finger-tip save from the home 'keeper, who touched the ball onto the bar.

Two minutes later Moyola went further ahead when Conor Taggart was played through, with the Comrades defence claiming for offside, and he ran on unchallenged to score past the exposed 'keeper.

Comrades came close to pulling a goal back on 72 minutes, when a good cross from the left, played in by Denver Taggart, found the head of Kyle Dillon, but his downward effort from 6 yards came back off the artificial surface and over the bar. Then, a minute from the final whistle, Michael O'Hanlon was set up by a good volleyed lay off from Kyle Dillon, but his first-time effort from 7 yards lacked the power to beat the 'keeper, who was able to push the ball wide of the goal.