



Ballyclare Comrades 1-4 Glenavon

Saturday 5th August 2017 – Pre-season friendly

Ballyclare Comrades team

(4-4-2)

1. Paddy Flood
2. Curtis Woods 🟢🔴 (88')
5. Chris Rodgers 🟢🔴 (78')
6. Dean Youle
3. Matty Parker 🟢🔴 (46')
7. Gary Brown 🟢🔴 (66')
4. Samuel McIlveen
8. JB Dobbin 🟢🔴 (46')
11. Stewart Nixon
10. Paul Maguire 🟢🔴 (82')
9. Jason Johnston 🟡 (23')

Substitutes:

14. Adam McCart 🟢🔴 (78')
15. Mark Kelly 🟢🔴 (66')
16. Josh Corry 🟢🔴 (88')
17. Michael O'Hanlon
18. CJ McQuillan 🟢🔴 (46')
19. Kyle Mackie 🟢🔴 (46')
20. Dave Woods 🟢🔴 (82')
- Gk. Geoff McKinty

Glenavon: Tuffey, McGrory, Doyle, Kelly, Singleton, Young, Burns, Sykes, Patton, Mitchell, Foley. Subs: Marshall, McKevitt, Jenkins, Hamilton, Lindsay, Hill.

Comrades completed their pre-season games with a defeat at home to Glenavon.

The early stages of the game were evenly matched, with Comrades giving as good as they got against their Premiership opponents.

In the 13th minute Gary Brown surged into the Glenavon box before playing the ball across towards the arriving Stewart Nixon, who was only denied a strike on goal from a great position by a superb saving tackle from a defender.

Comrades continued to look threatening and on 20 minutes 'keeper Tuffey had to turn a 22 yard Samuel McIlveen past the post.

In the 23rd minute the home side got the reward for their good start when they took the lead. Jason Johnston was the man to grab the goal, when he headed in from 7 yards from a Matty Parker corner.

Comrades didn't have the lead for long however as Glenavon hit back a minute later. McGrory got into the box and his resulting shot was blocked by Paddy Flood. However the ball rebounded out to Young, who made no mistake from close range. A minute before the break the visitors took the lead, when a good ball knocked over the home defence set Mitchell free and he made no mistake, slamming the ball into the net from 10 yards.

The second half started slowly, with little in the way of goalmouth action. However Glenavon began to take control and in the 64th minute they cemented their lead with a third goal, Young getting on the end of a long ball to head past Paddy Flood from 8 yards.

The visitors continued to look the more likely to add to the scoreline. On 72 minutes Paddy Flood had to make a fine save to keep out a well-struck effort from 8 yards hit by Foley.

In the 90th minute there was nothing the 'keeper could do to prevent a Glenavon trialist scoring with a superbly struck shot from the edge of the box to finish the scoring.