



## Portstewart 1-2 Ballyclare Comrades

Saturday 15th July 2017 – Pre-Season Friendly

### Ballyclare Comrades team (3-5-2)

1. Geoff McKinty 🟢🔴 (65')
2. Curtis Woods 🟢🔴 (46')
5. Chris Rodgers
23. Dean Youle
7. Ryan Young 🟢🔴 (46')
6. Samuel McIlveen
8. JB Dobbin 🟢🔴 (46')
11. Gary Brown 🟢🔴 (46')
3. Thomas Robinson 🟢🔴 (46')
9. Stewart Nixon 🟢🔴 (46')
10. David Woods 🟢🔴 (46') 🟣 (37')

### Substitutes:

4. Michael O'Hanlon 🟢🔴 (46')
12. Kyle Mackie 🟢🔴 (46')
14. Zach Barr 🟢🔴 (46')
15. Johnny McClurg 🟢🔴 (46')
16. Aaran Weir 🟢🔴 (46')
17. CJ McQuillan 🟢🔴 (46')
18. Adam McCart 🟢🔴 (46')
- Gk. Ross Horner 🟢🔴 (65')

Comrades continued their pre-season preparations with a day in Portstewart, which started with a tough training session at the Devil's Hill dunes and ended with a game at Seahaven.

In unseasonably wet and breezy conditions Comrades did most of the pressing in the first half, with a number of goal-bound efforts being denied by excellent blocks by home players inside the box and some smart saves by the 'keeper.

When the visitors opened the scoring on 37 minutes there was a large element of good fortune. Trialist David Woods fired in a well struck effort from 35 yards which took a deflection off an opponent who had slid in to block. This sent the ball over the 'keeper and into the top corner of the net.

As expected, after the exertions earlier in the day on Portstewart Strand, there was a raft of half-time substitutions. One of the players who came on was instrumental in Comrades second goal on 53 minutes. Kyle Mackie did well to run at the Portstewart defence inside the box and the flick the ball towards goal, where a defender, in attempting to clear, could only slice the ball into his own net.

The two-goal advantage was however short-lived. Two minutes later Portstewart reduced the deficit when Stewart did well to drive a powerful effort in from an angle on the left side of the box, which flew in at the near post.

There were to be no more additions to the scoreline, with the closest to another goal coming on 77 minutes, when a looping header from 10 yards out from Comrades striker Zach Barr deceived the 'keeper and came back off the crossbar.