



Ballyclare Comrades 0-4 Ballymena United

Tuesday 24th July 2018 – Pre-season friendly

Ballyclare Comrades team (3-5-2)

1. Kyle Rowe
5. Chris Rodgers 🏹 (65')
6. Adam Wright
23. Dean Youle 🏹 (53')
2. Curtis Woods
14. Ross Clarke 🏹 (50')
12. Jason Johnston 🏹 (50')
24. Gary Donnelly 🏹 (78')
3. Kyle Buckley 🏹 (53')
9. Chris Trussell 🏹 (53')
22. Gary Brown 🏹 (65')

Substitutes:

6. Michael McQuitty 🏹 (55')
15. Jack Chalmers 🏹 (65')
8. JB Dobbin 🏹 (50')
10. Eoin Kane 🏹 (50')
19. Joel Haggan 🏹 (70')
17. Thomas Robinson 🏹 (53') 🏹 (70')
20. Taylor Kirk 🏹 (78')
7. Joe McWilliams 🏹 (55')
11. Leon Bonnes (trialist) 🏹 (65')

Comrades fell to defeat in a pre-season friendly game at Dixon Park against an impressive Ballymena United side.

After a brief opening flurry from the home side, Ballymena took control and soon had the lead. In the 10th minute Mayse fired home from 14 yards after getting on the end of a Lecky knock down.

In the 19th minute Comrades created an opportunity when a good move ended with Chris Trussell setting up Jason Johnston for a strike from 17 yards, but 'keeper McDermott did well to push the ball over the bar.

The visitors continued to make a lot of chances, but were being let down by some wayward finishing and good goalkeeping from the impressive Kyle Rowe. However,

they made no mistake in the 35th minute, when Mayse nodded in at the back post after McMurray had headed the ball across the 6-yard box.

On 39 minutes Ballymena were awarded a penalty, but Kyle Rowe denied Mayse a hat-trick with a fine save. However, from the resulting corner there was nothing the 'keeper could do to prevent Addis scoring with his head from 6 yards,

The second half saw a raft of changes from both sides. Play was much more evenly balanced than had been the case in the first 45 minutes, with Comrades getting in a number of good positions, only to be denied by good defending.

In the 80th minute, Ballymena added a fourth goal, when a good move ended with Nolan slotting home from 8 yards.