



## Ballyclare Comrades 2-3 Dergview

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Bluefin Sport Championship

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

- 19. Jack Hazard
- 2. Curtis Woods 🟡 (20')
- 18. Chris Getty
- 6. Michael McQuitty
- 11. Adam Gray
- 4. Samuel McIlveen
- 8. JB Dobbin 🟡 (77')
- 22. Gary Brown 🟡 (70')
- 10. Eoin Kane
- 17. Thomas Robinson
- 16. Jamie Willighan 🟡 (26') 🟡 (87')

### Substitutes:

- 20. Taylor Kirk
- 3. Christopher Crane 🟢 (70')
- 24. Gary Donnelly
- 14. Joe Tully 🟢 (77')

**Dergview:** McElroy, M Buchanan, Falconer, Maxwell, McNulty, Burns, Callaghan, Doherty, McGuckin, A Sproule, Kirk. Subs: A Buchanan, Aiken, Wallace, I Sproule.

Comrades slumped to a home defeat to Dergview where a hat-trick from the visiting centre-forward proved their undoing.

Manager Stephen Hughes was forced to make one change from the team which beat Limavady the previous Saturday. With Andy Long unavailable, Chris Getty came into the line-up.

After a scrappy opening, the first chance of the game fell to Dergview on 20 minutes, when the ball broke into the box towards McGuckin, after a challenge. He tried to clip an effort from the angle of the 6-yard box over the diving 'keeper, but Jack Hazard got enough on it to see the effort diverted over the bar. However from the resulting corner Curtis Woods was adjudged to have hauled down McGucken and penalty was awarded, which McGucken himself converted.

The visitors were buoyed by this and three minutes later they came close from a free-kick, when Doherty struck a fierce effort from 30 yards, which flew narrowly wide of the post.

In the 26<sup>th</sup> minute Comrades were back on level terms. Again, the goal came from the spot after Gary Brown was fouled just outside the 6-yard box. Jamie Willighan stepped up to confidently dispatch from the spot.

On 32 minutes it was Dergview who threatened, when a first-time strike hit from 20 yards by Doherty forced a sprawling save from Hazard.

Comrades then had a couple of efforts. Firstly, on 35 minutes, Jamie Willighan ran towards the box and got a strike in from 18 yards, which went just wide of the far post. Then, on 41 minutes, Samuel McIlveen's free-kick from 30 yards out on the right forced McElroy to turn the ball wide of the near post.

The second half was only six minutes old when the visitors restored their lead. A deep cross from the left played to the far post by Falconer was met by McGucken who nodded it in clinically from 7 yards.

Comrades pressed for an equaliser but couldn't create a clear-cut chance. Then, on 69 minutes they were stung by another goal from the visitors. The ball was given away sloppily by the home side in their own half and it was slid through to McGucken, who slotted it past the advancing 'keeper from just inside the box.

The home side got a goal back in the 87<sup>th</sup> minute, when another penalty was awarded when a Dergview player handled the ball after substitute Joe Tully tried to turn past him inside the box. Jamie Willighan again made no mistake with the spot-kick.

There was to be no comeback however and the visitors held on to take the points.