



Dergview 2-0 Ballyclare Comrades

Saturday 16th February 2019 – Bluefin Sport Championship

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

- 19. Jack Hazard
- 2. Curtis Woods
- 6. Michael McQuitty 🇮🇪 (82')
- 23. Dean Youle
- 3. Christopher Crane
- 8. JB Dobbin
- 4. Samuel McIlveen
- 16. Jamie Willighan 🇮🇪 (69')
- 24. Gary Donnelly 🇮🇪 (69')
- 11. Adam Gray
- 9. Chris Trussell

Substitutes:

- 5. Adam Wright
- 18. Chris Getty 🇮🇪 (82')
- 15. Andy Long
- 17. Thomas Robinson 🇮🇪 (69')
- 14. Joe Tully 🇮🇪 (69')

Dergview: McElroy, Buchanan, Falconer, Maxwell, McNulty, Burns, Callaghan, Doherty, McGuckin, A Sproule, Wallace. Subs: Ballantyne, McGlynn, Kirk, Crawford, I Sproule.

Comrades returned from the trip to Castlederg with nothing, after a disappointing performance against Dergview.

For this match manager Stephen Hughes was still without Gary Brown and Eoin Kane. He also chose to make two changes to the starting line-up, with Michael McQuitty and Chris Trussell coming in for Adam Wright and Thomas Robinson. The visitors started well enough and in the 8th minute Samuel McIlveen's 25 yard free-kick had to be palmed over by 'keeper McElroy. From the resulting corner, the ball broke to Chris Trussell, who fired in a shot through the crowded box from 15 yards, which bounced off the turf and flew just wide of the target.

The home side then increasingly looked threatening with swift breaks upfield. Their pacy attacking players giving the Comrades backline a difficult time. In the 15th minute, one such raid forward ended with Andrew Sproule getting into a good position on the right side of the box and his resulting shot struck the far post.

Dergview continued to threaten and on 26 minutes Jack Hazard had to make a smart save, after Doherty fired in a shot from the edge of the box when a corner had been only been cleared out to him.

The last 15 minutes of the half were more evenly balanced, as Comrades managed to get back into the game and the teams went in at half-time with the scoreline blank. The early stages of the half saw little to suggest that the deadlock was to be broken. However, in the 56th minute the breakthrough came for Dergview from a goalkeeping error. The ball was played into the Comrades box and flicked on by the head of Andrew Sproule. There didn't seem much danger, but Jack Hazard let the ball escape him on the line and enter the net.

The travelling supporters would have hoped for a reaction from their team, but it didn't come and from then on Dergview looked the shaper, more threatening side. On 72 minutes, Falconer flashed a well-struck free-kick just wide of the angle of bar and post from 27 yards out. Then, three minutes later, the lead was increased, when Doherty received a ball played across the box at the far post and finished neatly from 7 yards.

Comrades made little headway at the other end and the home side looked as if they could add to their advantage. They came close to doing so two minutes into injury-time, when a ball played quickly forward set McGlynn free, but he was denied by a good save inside the box by Hazard.