



Ballyclare Comrades 1-1 Limavady United

Friday 24th August 2018 – Bluefin Sport Championship

Ballyclare Comrades team (4-4-2)

- 19. Kyle Rowe
- 2. Curtis Woods 🚩 (62')
- 5. Adam Wright 🟡 (72')
- 23. Dean Youle 🟡 (84')
- 3. Christopher Crane
- 22. Gary Brown 🚩 (81')
- 8. JB Dobbin
- 24. Gary Donnelly
- 17. Thomas Robinson
- 16. Jamie Willighan 🚩 (81')
- 12. Jason Johnston 🟡 (2')

Substitutes:

- 6. Michael McQuitty 🟢 (62') 🟡 (71')
- 4. Samuel McIlveen
- 7. Joe McWilliams 🟢 (81')
- 9. Chris Trussell
- 14. Joe Tully 🟢 (81')

Limavady United: Wells, Devine, Gareth McFadden, Friars, Boyle, McMullan, O'Kane, Gary McFadden, McCarron, Hume, Doherty. Subs: Brown, Duffy, Smallwoods, McConnell, Scarlett.

Comrades' winning start to the season was ended on an unseasonably chilly night at Dixon Park, when they were made to pay for not taking full advantage of their first half dominance.

Changes were made to the starting line-up for this game. Eoin Kane was unavailable, whilst Samuel McIlveen and Chris Trussell dropped to the bench. Into the starting line-up came JB Dobbin, Jason Johnston and Jamie Willighan.

The match couldn't have started any better for the home side, as they opened the scoring inside two minutes. A corner whipped in dangerously by Christopher Crane was met by a powerful header from Jason Johnston inside the 6-yard box, which gave the 'keeper no chance.

Comrades went on to boss most of the rest of the first half, pressing Limavady back into their own half and creating chances.

In the 9th minute a good link up between Christopher Crane and Gary Donnelly led to Crane getting in a firm strike from 13 yards, which Wells had to block. Then, five

minutes later, a Gary Brown corner found the head of Dean Youle 6 yards out, but his effort went over the bar.

The Limavady defence was being given a torrid time at this stage. On 18 minutes Thomas Robinson ran onto a ball laid off by Jason Johnston to fire in a shot from 14 yards, which flew just past the post into the side netting.

In the 35th minute Comrades had an excellent chance to extend their lead.

Jason Johnston was on the end of a lovely move and bore down on goal but saw his attempt to slide the ball past the 'keeper from 7 yards go wide of the target.

Two minutes later, Curtis Woods got forward to hit a low shot from 25 yards which went narrowly wide.

The visitors had posed no threat to the Comrades until the 40th minute, when they equalised, very much against the run of play. A corner was played in from the right and found Emmet Friars unmarked at the far post and he made no mistake from 5 yards.

This goal immediately buoyed the visitors and they finished the half on the front foot.

The second half was very different from the first in that the visitors looked far better organised defensively and Comrades now struggled to create chances.

Play was evenly balanced with defences on top. Both sides were able to get into decent positions around the box, but the final ball wasn't there.

The only real effort of note at either end was in the 78th minute, when Jamie Willighan headed the ball down in the box to allow JB Dobbin to get in a good strike from 12 yards, which Wells had to tip over the bar.

The latter stages of the match were increasingly bad tempered with a rash of bookings for both sides. After the final whistle players had to be pulled apart, as the game ended on a sour note.