

Kilcock Celtic Match Reports - Saturday 04-09-2010

KDUL Under 15 Major Newbridge Town 3 Kilcock Celtic 1

Kilcock Celtic lost their opening League game in Newbridge, on a showery Saturday morning. The opening period was a typical start of the season game with both teams struggling to keep the ball.

Kilcock settled the better with Liam Malone and Cathal Daly doing well in the centre of midfield. Kilcock had Jamie Taggart and Barry Hill causing problems up front. They forced a series of corners midway through the first half.

From one of these corners, Jamie Taggart sent in an in-swinger which Barry Hill headed home powerfully to give Kilcock a deserved lead. Newbridge came back strongly but good defending from Jordan Hamilon and Aaron Eves kept them out.

On the half-hour mark, Newbridge were level when the visitors failed to pick up a short corner and the resulting cross into the six yard box was deflected into his own net by a Kilcock defender.

Soon afterward Kilcock lost Niall Gribben through injury and this unsettled the Kilcock team and they went behind just on the stroke of half time when the failed to pick up a Newbridge attacker who headed home from close range.

Kilcock needed to start the second half positively, but it was Newbridge that dominated. Newbridge should have increased their lead on a few occasion but good goalkeeping by Daniel Byrne and some poor finishing kept the score 2-1. Kilcock tried to find an equalizer and Jamie Taggart went close when he beat the Newbridge keeper to a through ball but one of the defenders got back to clear off the line. Late in the game Newbridge secured the points with a goal from a 20 yards shot

Best for Kilcock were John Grehan, Ricardo Munclean and Conor Redmond

KDUL Under 12 Major Saturday 04-09-10 Kilcock Celtic 1 V Prosperous United 4.

It was a rainy Saturday afternoon as both teams kitted out for the match but neither side seemed to care as soccer was on their mind.

The game started well with teams strong in defence and lots of ball been played in mid-field. Brian Crosse of Kilcock was working hard to find an opening in the Prosperous defence.

Eight minutes into the match and Prosperous was the first to score with Dale McGrath shooting the ball into the back of the net.

However, Kilcock did not let it get them down with Okeziem Eloji and Tommy O'Carroll playing hard to keep Prosperous out and minutes later, a nice ball up the wing from Keith McDermott went straight to Jack Foley who played it up the field and planted it into the back the net.

Conor Larkin was unlucky when he went close just before half time kept the score 1-1.

The second half came and both teams stepped up their game looking for the win.

Minutes into the second half and Prosperous were awarded a penalty, but Kilcock's keeper made a brilliant save to keep the score even. However, the visitors stepped up their game and scored again 12 minutes in.

Five minutes later Prosperous were awarded a free kick and Renis Lemas scored directly.

Kilcock played their hardest to come back with many good attempts but just could not get through a strong Prosperous defence.

Just before the end of the match, Loughlan Doyle scored for Proserous again.

A great match with both teams fighting to the end. Much credit due to both teams.

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Kilcock Celtic 8 – Naas United 2.

A great opening game to the season for Kilcock Celtic on a very wet September morning in Scoil Dara. The bad conditions did not stop these two well-matched teams from giving it their-all in the first half. A great defensive header from Neil Jordan denied Naas from taking the lead in the first few minutes of this encounter, followed by a great save by Celtic's keeper Fionn Talbot that kept the sides at nil all. However, after some good pressure from Naas they finally scored the opener.

This only seemed to bring Kilcock to life as they replied within minutes to level the game with a great goal by Thomas Connelly after some excellent team play. Kilcock were on the mark again when a very composed Daniel Goodwin chipped the ball past the Naas keeper after a well-timed pass from his brother Adam Goodwin.

Naas hit back quickly, with a great break up the left touchline after a Kilcock corner and scored to level at two a-piece. They may have taken the lead again if it was not for some great defending from Kilcock's Timothy McCarthy, Sean Marks and Stephen Murphy.

However just before half-time Kilcock were awarded a penalty, which a very cool Thomas Connelly slotted, passed the Naas keeper sending him the wrong way. Making the half time score, Kilcock Celtic 3 Naas United. Kilcock made a few changes at half time bringing on Peter Lavin, Stephen Smyth and Jamie Grehan. With the introduction of fresh legs on the pitch, it didn't take long for Celtic to grab a hold of the game, a bullet of a shot from Sean O'Connor hit the upright and then ran right across the goal line. The ever present Finlay Nairne pounced and finished into the back of the net.

Next came a great finish from Adam O'Malley from a well struck corner by Sean Marks. This was followed by great work on the left wing started by Daniel Rochford and after some great passing finished with a lovely strike by Sean O'Connor from just past the penalty spot.

Kilcock finished strongly when Stephen Smyth set up Adam O'Malley for his second of the day. A few minutes later some good football movement, starting with Jamie Grehan in right back led to Peter Lavin setting up Adam O'Malley who turned the Naas defender and finished in fine style with a cheeky little chip for his hat-trick.

All in all a great days work for Kilcock Celtic. Naas were stronger than the final scoreline suggests and they continued to battle to the very end.



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