

Lewis & Harris League:

Carloway 4 (0) United 1 (1)

Darren Mackinnon 60 Scott Nicolson 6
Calum Tom pen. 73, 87
Kenny "Dokus" Macdonald 83

At Cnoc a' Choilich

24.5.10

Ref: Allan Iain Macleod

Gordon Craigie

Andrew "Tago" Maciver (capt.) Calum Tom Moody Domhnall Mackay
Darren Mackinnon Kenny "Beag" MacIennan Donnie MacPhail Murdo "Squegg" Gordon
"Tago" Macdonald

Archie Macdonald Kenny "Dokus" Macdonald

Subs: Kevin "Gochan" Macleod (for Donnie MacPhail), Seumas Macleod (for Archie Macdonald), Ed Ansell (for Gordon Tago), Donald Chisholm, Gordie Mackenzie.

A hard-earned victory for Carloway which wasn't as comfortable as the scoreline suggests, with the outcome in doubt right up until the last ten minutes. United started strongly with the wind at their backs and took an early lead when a Scott Nicolson free-kick skimmed past Craigie with 6 minutes on the clock.

Carloway took a while to get going and it was 23 minutes before their first effort on goal – a Kenny Dokus shot which was deflected past for a corner. United were still playing strongly however and threatened on the break a few times when the home side gave away possession - one such break led to another United free-kick which was fired just over. Carloway's best chance of the half came on 40 mins when an Archie Macdonald strike produced a brilliant save from the United keeper. One nil at half-time then and a deserved lead for United.

The first fifteen minutes of the second half produced virtually nothing of note but the spark Carloway needed finally arrived on the hour mark when Domhnall Mackay headed Tago's corner firmly against the bar leaving Darren Mackinnon to head into the empty net. Mackay again came close to scoring when his 69th minute free-kick was tipped over by the United keeper with the resulting corner being headed over by Calum Tom. The Blues continued to press however and went ahead after 73 minutes - a strong shot from Kenny MacIennan was well-saved again by the keeper but Kenny Dokus was tripped after the corner, leaving Calum Tom to stroke home the resulting penalty.

The win was confirmed ten minutes later when Dokus slotted home following a strong run and cross from the excellent Mackinnon and Calum Tom put the seal on a fine personal performance when he headed home a Dokus cross with three minutes to go.

Good second half performance from Carloway but credit to United for pushing them all the way.