

Lewis and Harris League:

Point 3 (3) Carloway 3 (1)

Stuart Flower 14

Mo Affah 18, 30

Kenny "Dokus" MacDonald 10

Seumas Macleod 85

Domhnall Mackay 90+7

At Garrabost.

Monday, 24.6.13.

Ref.: Calum 'Chancy' Macleod

David Beaton

Seumas Macleod Gus Maciver Calum Tom Moody

Kenny "Dokus" MacDonald Domhnall Mackay (capt.) Billy Anderson Murdo "Squegg" Macleod Dan Crossley

Scott Macaulay Fraser Macleod

Subs.: Kevin "Gochan" Macleod (Billy Anderson) 35; Darren Mackinnon (Kenny "Dokus" Macdonald) 75

Subs. not used: Kevin "Barra" Macneil, Jamie Macdonald, Phil Macleod

Yellow Card: Gus Maciver 65

Red Card: Gus Maciver 90+3

Carloway named a strong line-up for their eighteenth match of the season which, due to success in cup competitions, was only their seventh league game. Gus Maciver returned from injury to sweep behind Seumas Macleod and Calum Tom Moody, with Domhnall Mackay, Billy Anderson and Murdo 'Squegg' Macleod forming the midfield three. Kenny 'Dokus' MacDonald switched to wide right to cover for Kevin 'Gochan' Macleod, who was struggling with an ankle injury and Dan Crossley continued wide left. The front two, Scott Macaulay and Fraser Macleod, started high in confidence, having both scored in the Lewis and Harris Select's weekend Midsummer Tournament victory, with Scott having been named Player of the Tournament.

Both sides made bright starts but it was Carloway who drew first blood in the 10th minute. Scott Macaulay was upended on the right-hand side of the box from after a clever Gus Maciver through ball and, when Squegg's free-kick was headed out by the Point defence, Kenny Dokus struck the ball low into the left-hand corner – the Point keeper will feel he should have done better (0-1).

If the opener was soft, Point's equaliser was bizarre; Stuart Flower's high punt from his own half catching out David Beaton who could only turn it onto the bar and in (1-1). The goal seemed to unsettle Carloway, and Point took control with two goals from Mo Affah: the first a header after 18 mins following slack play in the Carloway defence (2-1); the second, in 30 mins, a volley from a long Ali Gillies free-kick (3-1).

Carloway looked in real trouble at this point and an early change was made with Kevin 'Gochan' Macleod coming on for Billy Anderson after 35 mins – 'Dokus' moving into the middle of the park. This steadied the ship but half-time arrived with no change to the scoreline only thanks to a fine block by Squegg just before the whistle.

Half Time: Point 3 Carloway 1

Carloway came out determined to change the flow of the game and Scott Macaulay shot wide early on after superb wing play by Dan Crossley. However, shortly after, Point had a great chance to give themselves a real cushion after a mix-up between Squegg and Gus Maciver, but Gochan got back to make an important block.

The game then fell into what was for Carloway a frustrating stalemate only interrupted by a booking for Gus for reacting to a late tackle by Mo Affah, and Point still held their two goal advantage when Carloway shuffled the pack after 75 minutes. Darren Mackinnon came on for Dokus with Dan Crossley moving in to the centre and Seumas Macleod and Domhnall Mackay swapping positions.

The changes seemed to galvanise Carloway with Seumas, in particular, looking a real threat going forward – his right foot drive was brilliantly saved by the Point keeper on 78 minutes but five minutes

later he got a crucial goal back with a fine header from a Squegg free-kick (2-3).

Ball after ball was then thrown into the Point box and Seumas looked to have equalised after 92 minutes with another header only for the goal to be chalked off after the whistle had gone for a foul – it looked all over for Carloway and Gus Maciver was shown red after a second yellow for dissent in relation to the disallowed goal.

There was to be one last chance for Carloway, however, and it was to result in an equalising goal after 97 minutes – Dan Crossley was fouled near the halfway line and Squegg put the free kick right on the goalie, who fumbled the ball allowing Domhnall Mackay to head into the net from close range (3-3).

Full Time: Point 3 Carloway 3

So a tired looking performance, but credit to Point for putting in a strong shift and causing lots of problems. Carloway had an off night but take away a deserved and important point after a stirring comeback in the last twenty minutes. Bring on the Aths on Wednesday!

Carloway Man of the Match: Murdo 'Squegg' Macleod