

Lewis and Harris League:

Point 1 (0) Carloway 0 (0)

Alexander Macdonald 90+2

*At Garrabost.
Monday, 5.5.14.*

Referee: Calum "Chancey".Macleod.

David Beaton

*Cameron "Tiger" Macarthur Gus Maciver Donald "D.I." MacIennan
Kevin "Barra" Macneil Leigh Johnson Domhnall Mackay (capt.) Murdo "Sqweg" Macleod
Phil Macleod*

Fraser "Frazmac" Macleod Kenny "Dokus" Macdonald

*Subs.: Josh Harris (Kevin "Barra" Macnei) 67; Chris "Christy" Smith (Phil Macleod) 81; Kenny
"Beag" MacIennan (Leigh Johnson) 83.*

Sub. not used: Gordon Craigie.

Yellow cards: Donald "D.I." MacIennan 26; Fraser "Frazmac" Macleod 60.

Last Gasp Heartbreak for Blues

A second trip of the season to Garrabost for the blues of Carlway on an evening best described as mediocre. The previous game against the Rudhachs was settled by a last minute goal from Billy Anderson. Since that game injuries have ravaged the Carlway squad and tonight they would have to do without Crossley ,Anderson, Buchanan and "Gochan " and also Archie Macdonald who was unavailable through work commitments.

A large Carlway support had follow followed from the West Side expecting another difficult game. Manager Graeme Miller using all the resources available to him set up the team in the normal 3-5-2 formation with Kevin "Barra" Macneil starting at right wing back and Phil Macleod, home from the Merchant Navy, starting at left wing back. This enabled Leigh Johnson to move to midfield beside Mackay and Macleod. Up front that man of many games, Kenny "Dokus" MacDonald, started beside Fraser Macleod. Point set up as either 4-3-3 or 4-5-1 depending on whether you are positive or negative. In their squad was a man of Egypt, a man of Portugal and even a man of Ness. Not sure if there were any men of Portvoller though.

Not many clear cut opportunities were created in the first twenty minutes. Half chances for Johnson, "Dokus" and Fraser Macleod came to nothing. Fraser's best chance coming after 25 minutes after being released by Phil he shot narrowly wide from the inside left position. Point, defending resolutely, depended on Stu Munro for any creativity and on runs from Sam Macsween which were beginning to cause Carlway problems.

On 26 minutes D.I. MacIennan found his way into the referee's notebook after a reckless tackle. On 29 minutes the best moment of the match so far when "Wally" Maciver hit the Carlway crossbar with a speculative shot from outside the box, the second time he has struck woodwork against Carlway

this season.

Carloway then started to dominate proceedings. Mackay and Macleod in midfield cleverly switching play at every opportunity. Chances came and chances were missed. On 37 minutes Phil Macleod lost his marker in the box only to see his header well saved by the ageless Alex Wright before the ball was scrambled clear by the Point defence. On 41 minutes Fraser shot narrowly wide again, this time from the inside right position.

Finally, very nearly an "I was there moment" when Kenny "Dokus" nearly scored with a header, Alex Wright pulling off a good save from a clever back header.

Half Time: Point 0 Carloway 0

The second half did not bring any respite in the weather with Carloway now facing the elements. However they started the half well and were well in command without creating any real clear cut chances, the best coming on 52 minutes when Leigh Johnson shot over after good interchange between himself and Mackay. Point defended deeply and depended on breakaways, their best opportunity coming on 57 minutes when after a break out from defence Stephen Campbell shot wide.

Then, on 60 minutes came a moment of controversy. A pass from the Carloway midfield had left Fraser isolated on Stephen Campbell who then seemed to go down very easily. Referee "Chancey" immediately blew his whistle for a free kick just before Fraser had shot beyond Wright into the Point net. To the Carloway support there was minimal, if any, contact. To rub salt in the wound, Fraser was then booked by the referee.

There then followed a flurry of substitutions and half chances for both sides. Carloway's best opportunity falling to Fraser again when he shot over after good work from Phil. Point's best opportunity fell to the man from Cairo who shot over after good work from Stu Munro

As the game wound down to the final stages the feeling was it was going to remain a stalemate. However there was to be a sting in the tail for Carloway. Just into injury time a free kick was awarded to Point on the edge of the box after what appeared to be an innocuous challenge from Kenny "Beag" and a rather theatrical dive from a Point player (Spike). Up stepped 15 year old Alexander Macdonald, son of Point legend "Tuff" Macdonald, to thunder a left foot drive past the wall and into the top corner **(1-0)**.

A great strike, but questions have to be asked about the positioning of the wall. There was still time for one final opportunity for "Dokus" but his shot was scrambled clear by Wright.

Full time: Point 1 Carloway 0

Carloway will play a lot worse this season and win easily. Their defence, as it

has been all season, was magnificent and Mackay and Macleod both had great games. Phil Macleod played well both defensively and offensively. Although Fraser did not score his work rate was impressive and goals will come.

Carloway Man of the Match - Phil Macleod

Point Man of the Match - Alexander Macdonald (for that strike)