

Acres Boys' Club Cup Final:

Westside 5 (3) Carloway 0 (0)

Duncan Maclean 8

Ally Williamson 28

Martainn Shields 36

Innes Iain Morrison 67, 82

At Garrabost.

Friday, 09.05.14.

Referee: D.J.Maclean.

Standside line judge: Paul Forster.

Farside line judge: Neil Macritchie.

David Beaton

Cameron "Tiger" Macarthur Gus Maciver Donald "D.I." Maclennan

Archie Macdonald Leigh Johnson Dan Crossley Murdo "Sqweg" Macleod Phil Macleod

Fraser "Frazmac" Macleod Kenny "Dokus" Macdonald (capt.)

Subs.: Billy Anderson (Leigh Johnson) 46; Jack Buchanan (Gus Maciver) 61; Kevin "Barra" Macneil (Phil Macleod) 76;

Subs. not used: Chris "Christy" Smith, Gordon Craigie.

Red Card: Fraser Macleod 63

Yellow Cards: Cameron Macarthur; Gus Maciver

After overnight rain and localised showers deemed Goathill Park unplayable last Friday, the large travelling support enjoyed by both Carloway and Westside made their way to Garrabost to see who would claim the first silverware of the season.

Although Carloway were the holders having thrashed Back 6-0 in the previous final, Westside were probably pre-match favourites based on their impressive start to the season which had seen them top the league table whilst their opponents had struggled to find the form that had made them top dogs in 2013.

The game was only eight minutes old when the first goal arrived with a sweetly struck free kick from Duncan Maclean after Dan Macphail had been brought down five yards outside the box by Gus Maciver. Maclean's precisely placed effort into the top left corner gave David Beaton little chance.

Carloway struggled to settle after this setback and Westside enjoyed greater possession and territorial advantage without threatening Beaton, other than another Maclean free kick from a similar position which the Carloway stopper anxiously touched away for a corner.

Fraser Macleod did have an opportunity for the holders when he managed to knock the ball past Westside keeper Peter Macaskill who had advanced to the edge of the box but the striker was forced too far wide and his attempt to return the ball into the danger area was intercepted and cleared to safety.

Just before the half hour mark Westside extended their lead in a classic

counter attack. From a Carloway corner Ally Williamson collected the ball on the edge of his own box and released the ball to Martainn Shields who sped down the left flank leaving a couple of defenders in his wake before squaring the ball into the box where Williamson had continued his run. The Westside player had all the time in the world to control the ball and slip a low left foot effort across Beaton's goal and in off the far post.

It was soon to be 3-0 when Shields again tormented on the left wing before being allowed to ride a poor challenge and cut inside before drilling a low shot which found Beaton wanting at his near post.

Carloway were in disarray at this stage, but to their credit they enjoyed their best spell of the match in the period leading up to half time as they pressed their opponents back into their own half. However they lacked a killer touch in front of goal which was emphasised when Kenny "Dokus" Macdonald failed to convert a penalty kick five minutes before the break.

The controversial kick was awarded after a header from a corner came back off the bar and hit Shield's hand with Carloway supporters angered that the Westside player did not receive a caution or possibly a red card. Shields certainly did not prevent the ball crossing the line as it was coming back from goal but his arms were raised and he may well have been punished on another occasion.

In addition to this missed opportunity, Fraser Macleod headed over from five yards and Archie Macdonald flashed another header just wide as Carloway sought to reduce the deficit but it seemed as though fate was not on their side.

Half Time: Westside 3 Carloway 0

The second half was fairly even in the opening stages although the tempo of the match seemed to have been turned up a notch or two with some feisty challenges. Gus Maciver was probably fortunate only to receive a yellow card for a crunching tackle on Scott Graham which left the Westside player writhing on the deck and just after the hour mark any hopes Carloway had of holding onto the trophy disappeared when striker Fraser Macleod was sent off after tangling with Dan Macphail.

After being dispossessed by the Westside midfielder, Macleod reacted to their clash by pushing his opponent in the chest. There was nothing malicious in the offence but the referee deemed that he had raised his hands to Macphail and sent him for an early bath.

Four minutes later the "Siarachs" went four up as Innes Iain Morrison latched onto a through ball twenty five yards from goal, before striding forward and despatching the ball beyond Beaton with clinical precision.

The same player made it 5-0 eight minutes from time when he was on hand to volley home from close range after Shields had completed a rampaging

run down the left and centred for the young striker to complete his double, and the scoring for the night.

Full-Time: Westside 5 Carlway 0

A night to forget for Carlway who also lost Gus Maciver through injury before the end and he may be side-lined for a few games to add to their woes. Best on the night for the runners up were defender Cameron Macarthur and the midfield duo of Archie Macdonald and Dan Crossley who worked tirelessly all game.

For Westside there no failures but special mention to defender Campbell Macdonald who looked composed and stylish at the back, veteran midfielder Dan Macphail who covered every blade of grass on the Garrabost pitch and winger Martainn Shields who terrorised Carlway with his pace and trickery on the left wing. All three would have been genuine contenders for man-of-the-match along with the sponsors' choice of Ally Williamson who playing in an unfamiliar role further forward enjoyed a lot of freedom and took advantage by scoring the crucial second goal which gave his side a comfortable cushion they never looked like relinquishing.

Westside Man of the Match: Martainn Shields

Carlway Man of the Match: Cameron "Tiger" Macarthur