

Lewis & Harris League

Carloway 6 (3) United 0 (0)

Fraser 'Fraz' Macleod 4, 40, 64

Dan Crossley 11

Jack Buchanan 48

Kenny "Dokus" MacDonald 74

At Cnoc a Choilich.

Monday, 19.5.14.

Referee: Paul Forster.

David Beaton

*Cameron "Tiger" Macarthur Gus Maciver Donald "D.I." MacIennan
Leigh Johnson Dan Crossley Domhnall Mackay (capt.) Murdo "Sqweg" Macleod Archie
Macdonald*

Fraser "Fraz" Macleod Jack Buchanan

*Subs.: Kenny "Dokus" Macdonald (Dan Crossley) 46; Phil Macleod (Gus Maciver) 67; Josh
Harris (Fraser "Fraz" Macleod) 70; Kevin "Barra" Macneil (Murdo "Sqweg" Macleod) 75;
Gordon Craigie (David Beaton) 75.*

Yellow card; Josh Harris 82

It was back to league duty and Cnoc a Choilich for Carloway after their weekend trip to the Southern Isles. Their opponents on a misty and cold night being Stornoway United now managed by former West Side manager Grant Hunter.

Carloway lined up in their traditional 3-5-2 formation with only Billy Anderson unavailable. The form of the back three, DI, Gus and Cameron, has enabled Manager Miller to push Dohmnall Mackay into midfield. Up front Jack Buchanan started beside Fraser Macleod. United's line-up can only be described as youthful and inexperienced.

With the benefit of a strong wind at their backs in the first half, Carloway opened very briskly, with attacks down both flanks which produced half chances on 2 and 3 minutes. The breakthrough was made on 4 minutes and came not as a result of a swift attack or good teamwork but from hesitation by the United centre half which enabled Fraser to nip in and tuck the ball beyond Jack MacIennan. **(1-0)**

As expected Carloway began to dominate and it was no surprise that they went 2-0 up after 11 minutes. A long throw in from Leigh Johnson on the right and into the box was met by Dan Crossley and he swept the ball into the net. **(2-0)**

Straight from the kick off we were treated to a bit of Crossley magic. Picking up a loose ball in the centre circle he strode through the United defence avoiding challenge after challenge only to shoot narrowly wide.

After that it became a game of attack versus defence. Carloway dominating possession and creating plenty of chances and the United defence and

midfield battling manfully to stay in the game. MacIennan in goals and the centre halves, Jamie Feeney and Eoghainn MacPhee, being especially prominent.

On 40 minutes Carloway got the third goal their domination merited, Fraser creating space in the box and being in the right place to head home a free kick. **(3-0)**

Finally on 45 minutes United had their first attempt on goal. Young Hamish Macdonald showing his cousin Kenny "Dokus" on how to take a free kick and Beaton was required to pull off a good save. The resulting corner kick caused some confusion in the Carloway defence with Crossley eventually clearing a goal-bound shot off the line.

Half Time: Carloway 3 United 0

Even although they were now playing against the wind in the second half, Carloway started the half much quicker than United. The fourth goal was not long in arriving, a run down the right wing by Fraser and his subsequent cross being bundled home by Jack Buchanan, maybe with the aid of a deflection. **(4-0)**

Now it was really a question of how many. The fifth and best goal of the night arrived on 64 minutes. Jack Buchanan received a quick pass from midfield, and played a first time pass into the path of the onrushing Fraser "Fraz" Macleod, who lifted the ball over the helpless MacIennan for a really good finish to complete his hat trick. **(5-0)**

The final goal of the evening arrived on 74 minutes. Good work by Josh Harris on the left set up Kenny "Dokus" MacDonald to score on the stretch beyond MacIennan. **(6-0)**

After this there was a flurry of substitutions by both teams. Carloway appeared content with their night's work and played out the remaining minutes with little difficulty.

This was a good night's work for Carloway after the exertions of the trip to Uist. The defence were largely untroubled, both wing backs got forward at every opportunity, the midfield totally dominated the game and up front Jack and Fraser are beginning to develop a good understanding. For United MacIennan in goals was superb, the centre halves had decent games against two very pacy forwards and "Preston" in midfield showed touches of class.

Carloway Man of the Match - Fraser "Fraz" Macleod
United Man of the Match – Lewis "Preston" Robinson