

Sheriff United 0: Ballymun United 2.

Nivea Cup

Match Report

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Alive !

Ballymun reach yet another Qtr-Final - FAI , LFA, Liddy and the Nivea

Barely had the water "boy" time to put down the bottles when he was up celebrating a remarkable goal scored within ten seconds of the start of the game, memories came flooding back to Davy Kanes goal, also in ten seconds, at Tolka in 2001, this time it was none other than young Roge Keeley who had a brilliant game on the flanks and whose trickery caused all sorts of problems for the Sheriff defence, he chased down a through ball and got his toe to it before Derek McDonnell in goal had a chance to save it, two defenders both lunged at it but could not stop Roge equalling club history as the fastest goal ever recorded.



A brilliant start to a game played with no quarter asked or given, a tough game that really should have been put to bed with better finishing, a number of chances went begging in the first half and with Sheriff starting to come more into the game, everyone expected an equaliser before the half time whistle, it nearly arrived in the 42nd minute when a long speculative effort was floated in on top of Karl Donnelly in the Mun goal, with the wind behind it, it looked as if it would drop into the far corner, young Donnelly did very well in punching it away at the last minute, two minutes later he was again called into action making a brilliant save with his foot to deny Arkins a goal, Chris Sheridan had a brilliant game against Tony Kane and limited him to half chances. The work of Sheridan, Doolan and Murray at the back was once again quality their defending outstanding at times and when he was called on young Donnelly was strong and more than capable to deal with Sheriff attempts on goal.

Second half saw more of the same, attack after attack from the Mun and Sheriff restricted to some long range efforts, the best of which whistled past Donnelly's goal.

Some very dangerous tackles started to fly in and the ref was more than lenient with McCabe and Kane of Sheriff Utd, David Kane, Chris Sheridan and Barry Kavanagh all received the rough treatment from time to time during the game, Kane having to give way after an over the ball tackle which left him with a gash down his shin, it was a tough game and perhaps with match assistants it would have made the Referees job a bit easier, after all it was between two Premier A sides with a lot at stake.



A beautiful move up along the left hand side of the pitch in the 85th minute saw Keeley deliver a delightful back heel into the path of McDonnell, on for Kane, who placed it inch perfect inside the Sheriff keepers near post to send the Mun into the Qtr-Final draw.

A victory for hard work and good management, Casey and Pat were left without the inspirational figures of Conroy and Gilbert and trusted their squad to deliver, they weren't let down.

This Mun side now 20 games unbeaten in all competitions- is it getting scary !.