

Irn-Bru League Cup Round 2

Crusaders FC 6 – 1 PSNI FC

The P.S.N.I. went into this game with one change from Saturday's win against Dundela, Mark Hadden replacing Rory Hamill.

From the kick off it was obvious that the slick Crusader passing game was going to give the Police a difficult night. Right winger Davy McMaster was prominent in every Crues attack with his pace and ball control. After 15 minutes P.S.N.I. midfielder Gary O'Neill was unlucky to concede a free kick for a late tackle giving Ryan McCann the opportunity to bend the ball round the defensive wall that could have been better organised. Crusaders striker David Rainey then took centre stage as he outpaced first Boyd and then McCrory to add two more. On the stroke of half time Snodden added a fourth from close in as Wilson valiantly tried to clear the ball.

With the introduction of the experienced Holden and Mackle in midfield the Police came into the game for the first time but could not prevent Rainey completing his hat trick and Halliday adding a sixth. Lucas Adamczyk scored a consolation goal for the P.S.N.I. in the 67th minute with a header past O'Neill.

In a game that demonstrated the gap between the Premiership and the championship Lucas Adamczyk, Paul Greener and Keith Wilson enhanced their reputation as did the Police team who battled throughout against a Crusaders outfit who were at full strength and who it must be remembered gave Fulham a run for their money earlier in the season.

P.S.N.I.

K. Wilson, P. Greener, S. McCrory, K. Boyd, P. May, W. Fry (P. Mackle) G. Brown, G. O'Neill (P. Linnig) W. Fry (M. holden) L. Adamczyk, M. Hadden.

Subs not used: D. Gabby, O. Paris