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Limavady United 5 v Lisburn Distillery 0

Premier Intermediate League

Limavady United swept aside Lisburn Distillery by five goals for the second time in three weeks as the league leaders proved exactly why they are the clear favourites to win this seasons Premier Intermediate league.

To their credit the Whites, despite creating little chances, defended well for the opening half of play keeping a blank score line throughout the first half with a young inexperienced backline of Croft, Douglas & Simpson holding their own against a normally potent Limavady attack and even when they did break through returning Whites 'keeper Jack McCrea thwarted their efforts.

The breakthrough eventually did come however on 50 minutes but it came from a defensive error which, after such resolute defending in the first period, will have frustrated manager Colin McIlwaine.

Instead of clearing the ball the Whites defence had tried to play out of defence and when Owens broke up the play and set up Joe McCready there was only ever going to be one outcome and that was a goal for the hosts. McCready of course bagged four goals against the Whites only three weeks ago and it wasn't long before he added his, and Limavady United's, second on 66 minutes at which point the game was as good as over.

Lisburn Distillery's initial hopes of keeping it tight at the back and hopefully nick one on the break duly disintegrated and it was no surprise when the home sides leading goal scorer Robbie Hume got in on the act adding no less than three very different goals to ensure the hosts romped home, his first a left foot effort into the right hand corner of the net, his second a well driven effort once again in the right hand corner and his third a well placed header into the left hand of the goal leaving Whites 'keeper McCrea stranded.

There is no doubt the front line of McCready and Hume are by far the strongest forward line in the division and they duly ensured that once again a visiting side was put to the sword at the Showgrounds.

As to how the team bounce back from this latest setback Whites 'keeper Jack McCrea was quick to state post match that "All we can now is to keep the head down, keep working hard in training and hopefully we can go to Donegal Celtic next week and turn things around" .

Match report by Colin Hopkins

Lisburn Distillery Team: McCrea, McMurtry, Clarke, Croft, Douglas, Simpson, Martin, Harris, Young, McCaw, Beta

Subs: Galbraith, Boyd, Gray, Grainger (for McCaw), Bell (for Beta)