



11 a-side Winter League Match 11 Report

Dublin Devils FC 1-1 Bar Flies

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Devils Team – Mark Carroll, Niall Scanlon (c), Mike McQuillan, Chris Grehan, Pete Dockrell, Ivan Stevens, Arnaldo Gibelli, Brendan Gildea (Conrad Cadogan 45), Neil Hayes, Brian Donegan (James Lee 37), Paul Gogarty (Francis Fitzgibbon 52). **Manager** – Peter Murray.

A 9.15pm kick-off in dry but cold conditions in Dundrum, and along with the core supporters who cheer on every week, we had 2 special guest supporters for this game. Lined up as opponents tonight were Bar Flies, our 3-1 conquerors in Matchday 2 back in September, with the Devils in 5th place in the table, 3 points off top spot.

Bar Flies had the better of the first 5 mins, and the next 5 were more even, but the Devils still had no clear chances on goal. Bar Flies were defending very resolutely and the Devils weren't able to get the ball into the final third of the pitch.

When the Devils finally made their way to the Bar Flies box, the clearance was speculatively pushed forward into the Devils box and into the net. Bar Flies 1-0 up.

Multiple long throws from the Devils to attempt to breach the defence were all cleared wide as Bar Flies stood strong and cleared any danger balls far too easily.

At half time, Dublin Devils FC 0-1 Bar Flies.

Straight into the second half, Devils Keeper Mark Carroll was forced into a save from a corner to deny a second goal. Ivan Stevens took the ball and ran towards goal but didn't get a shot in – another attempt 3 mins later went wide of the post as the Devils tried to come back into the game. Arnaldo Gibelli sends a great shot into Chris Grehan but the keeper saves on 36 mins.

Bar Flies were still pressing and dangerous on the break. On 41 mins Ivan Stevens again had a shot which ricocheted off the post and Chris Grehan's follow up was saved again. A corner from Brendan Gildea on 42 mins was just unable to be push over the line by anyone in the box.

On 47 mins Neil Hayes put a corner into the box, Ivan Stevens shot and the ball appeared to go over the line, but no goal was given by the referee. Much of the action in the second half has been in the Bar Flies half, with them limited to long range shots on the Devils goal.

On 53 mins, another Neil Hayes corner found its way in front of Chris Grehan who shot and scored the equaliser and to see out the game with a point earned.

Full time result, Dublin Devils FC 1-1 Bar Flies, and the loss from earlier in the season turned into a draw this time.