



11 a-side Winter League Match 15 Report

Dublin Devils FC 3-2 Haven't a Kalou

Stevens 5, 25, Scanlon 57

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

A 7.15pm Kickoff as First Plays Fifth in the league, with Haven't a Kalou in their green jerseys, the Devils were in their which change strip for tonight's game.

Great opening play from the Devils saw a superb pass from Neil Hayes to Ivan Stevens on 5 mins which resulted in the opening goal of the contest and the Devils 1-0 up. Arnaldo Gibelli took a great shot on 7 mins but this time it went wide.

A quick Kalou corner was solidly punched away by Devils keeper Mark Carroll on 10 mins, while at the other end a great Neil Hayes shot was thwarted on 12 mins, following a great forward run by Chris Grehan.

With 15 mins gone, the Devils were maintaining their superb passing game, and keeping the pressure on the league leaders. A Kalou corner on 20 mins saw a goal disallowed for a foul in the box, then on 25 mins a Brendan Gildea 'Special' corner found Ivan Stevens who netted his and the Devils second of the night and his 10th of the season.

On 27 mins Kalou had a long range shot which just curled as it neared goal and crept into the net to leave the Half Time score at Dublin Devils 2-1 Haven't a Kalou.

The Devils went right back on the attack in the second half. With 30 seconds played Ivan Stevens shot and almost had his hattrick but the goalie pushed over. ON the resulting corner, Niall Scanlon almost got another but the shot just went inches over once again.

At the other end on 38 mins, Devils Captain Niall Scanlon cleared a Kalou free kick off the line, maintaining the Devils 2-1 advantage. Ivan Stevens again took a shot that went wide on 39 and the Devils good possession and solid defending gave them the advantage.

A 5 mins Sin Bin for an accidental handball by Neil Hayes allowed Kalou to get the equaliser while they had a 1 man advantage. It was a very tense last 5 mins with Kalou very dangerous and the Devils defence requiring all their concentration.

On 27 mins, a rebounded ball found Niall Scanlon, who for the second time this season shot and scored from the half way line. Dublin Devils 3-2 Havant a Kalou and the Devils beat the league leaders with a superb Captain's goal, moving them up to 4th in the table and only 2 points off the lead.