

CBC Monkstown U17 v Marian College U17

When the match kicked off, it was anybody's game. The game was set to be two thirty five minute halves, rather than two forty-five minute halves and both sides were looking for an early goal. Both sides had early chances to take the lead. Marian were the first to hit the target, however, they were not able to get past CBC's backline and goalkeeper Daniil Solyakov. CBC also had a free-kick from Luca Ryan go close but Marian were difficult to get past, as both teams were performing at a very high level, to get the result they wanted. Early in the first-half, Marian were awarded a penalty, and as the kicker stood up to take it, he whipped it too far to the left and completely missed the goal, this was very good for CBC, as to keep the game on level playing terms for longer. After this setback, CBC straight away went to score, through various attempts, but it wasn't happening for CBC. Marian scored a goal, after numerous saves from Daniil in the CBC goal. When the second half rolled around, two substitutes were made in order to bring some new energy into the game, to get the equaliser, and hopefully the winner. After more attempts and uncertain offside calls, Sean Kelly broke through Marian's defence, after a ball was lifted up over the defenders by Luca Ryan, Kelly took his chance and shot under the advancing Marian keeper. This goal was CBC's way back into the game. After this goal, CBC tried to get the winner. The referee announced there was three minutes to go, CBC got a free-kick just inside Marian's half, Luca Ryan struck a well-worked free kick just wide of the post. With the minutes ticking away, it became clear that both sides were going to focus on not conceding before the end of the game. The final whistle blew and CBC had earned a hard fought 1-1 draw in their first league game of the season. CBC are due to play Kishoge Community College in the next league game.



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