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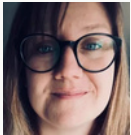
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A STUNNED **ROVERS WOMEN** REGROUP AND CRUISE TO A 5-1 WIN OVER BOHEMIANS ON WHAT WAS A SUN SOAKED DAY AT TALLAGHT STADIUM.



CHRISTINE ALLEN REPORTS FROM TALLAGHT STADIUM

Livestream link:

<https://www.loitv.ie/en-int/livestream/shamrock-rovers-v-bohemians/1788013>

Having held title contenders **Shelbourne F.C** to a 1-1 draw on August 31st, Ken Kiernan's side were never going to be easy pickings for the Tallaght tiki-takas and the visitors intentions were clear from that first blow of the whistle.

Sarah McKeivitt, Katie Malone and Antea Guvo pressed both Maria Reynolds and Savannah McCarthy in the pocket facing the South Stand, hunting for a goal early doors.

Following her winner last weekend against Peamount United, Joy Ralph exuded confidence and sparked an audible ooh from the West Stand as she executed a beautiful display of craftsmanship to steel the ball beyond former DLR teammate Fiona Donnelly. (48 seconds)

Yet moments later the Tallaght faithful were stunned by an attacking triad that oozed quality on the counter.

Opting to allow the throw-in to run beyond her tall frame, Guvo spotted Malone pedalling ahead and threaded the ball through.

Malone, wide to Fiona Owens at her shoulder, triggered a master stroke, swinging the ball smoothly into the bottom left hand corner of Amanda Budden's net. (1:24)

Budden on the restart was vociferous.

"Let's go now!" The Douglas native roared in an attempt to jilt the Rovers Women from their shell shocked state, catching the attention of one spectator who near jumped to attention.

Bohemians sensed that there was a second in the offing and like a boxer eyeing up a winded opponent, drove on for the kill, their attackers surrounding Reynolds, McCarthy and Herron in what was an ominous contrast to the clear blue sky. (6:22)

Starting once again for The Hoops, Shankill striker Stephanie Zambra knocked at The Gypsies door from the opening bell as she sought a gap top left.

In Rover's first significant chance (5:03), Zambra controlled the ball with her chest and shielded it from Aoibhe Brennan's press.

Zambra then shrugged off Brennan and executed a turn in limited space, dinking the cross inside the box where both Ralph and O'Gorman were unlucky not to get a touch.

The former senior irish international continued to press and created another goal scoring opportunity for The Hoops.

Threading the ball at an angle yet to be examined in Higher Level Leaving Cert Maths (7:54), Zambra found Ralph who thumped it towards Kelly - the Precision ambassador catching the powerful strike without so much as flinching.

Bohemians to their credit never once sat on their lead, Alannah McEvoy scouting on repeat for a chink in the Rovers backline - Owens meeting the threat head on (15:38)

Rovers despite the ongoing threat of a quality counter pushed towards the North Stand (15:37), Savannah McCarthy's interception and sweeping cross towards the back post appreciated by those in attendance - one young fan in particular seeking the number 3's attention with sheepish calls of 'Savannah' over the course of the 45'.

McEvoy almost secured a second for Bohs (17:48) when McKeivitt, who, with quick feet and speed, charged beyond Aoife Kelly and swung the ball inside.

Despite nosing ahead of her defender, the energy behind McEvoy's darting run sent the ball over the crossbar and the Tallaght faithful exhaled.

In what was a creative masterclass (21:25), Katie Lovely delivered a long ball to McKeivitt who showed her skill to drive beyond McCarthy but Jessica Hennessy would use her defensive acumen to shield the ball from the waiting Malone.



Budden was wide to the threat the former duo presented and as Reynolds swivelled to punt a pass back to her goal minder (23:52), the Rovers shot stopper was quick to direct the number 6 in the opposite direction.

No problem for Reynolds as the lithe defender turned McKevitt with a deft spin that was appreciated by the West Stand spectators.

Rovers would level the match in the 26th minute.

As Zambra, on her knees, expressed dissatisfaction at Sarah Power's challenge to the referee, Ralph took advantage of the controversial decision not to award a foul, stealing the ball from Katie Lovely and dancing past three before letting fly into the bottom right hand corner. (25:38)

At one a piece, the game looked to be anyone's to take as both sides strut their stuff for the Dublin 24 crowd.

Less than a minute later, O'Gorman would edge out Tiegán Ruddy and Shauna Carroll to tap in an absolute scorcher of an in-swinging cross from O'Leary to give Rovers the lead (26:45).

Bohemians belief remained however and they pushed on for the leveller.

Just past the half hour mark (33:03) a Malone chest down and first time flick to Guvo was recycled to Brennan who carried the ball forward with confidence.

With Hennessy on the verge of closing her down, the number 7 dinked it to McEvoy who was (much to the relief of the home crowd) adjudicated offside.

Moments later Owens would secure an extra cushion for her teammates.

As Kelly's throw out spun through the air, Owens raced to pickpocket it from McEvoy and dinked it over Kelly's head in what was a sublime first goal for the fan favourite (36:05)

Despite the two goal advantage, Bohemians never looked deflated, Fiona Donnelly alert to O'Gorman's pass and charging forward in an attempt to recoup one (43:15).

Spotting McKevitt, Donnelly switched the ball to the star winger who pedalled through a minute gap between Reynolds and McCarthy.

The number 8 would try her luck from long range but her strike was parried by Budden - Malone's follow up lacking the bite to trouble the fierce Corkonian.

The second half was less frenetic than the first, but eventful nonetheless.

A beautiful switch from O'Leary sailed across the plush Tallaght turf and found O'Gorman who released a reverse pass to Ralph - the Greenhills native's strike hitting the side netting.

"Stay high." Kelly instructed her outfield players, conscious of the pressure Shauna Carroll (who showed her pedigree at left back) was under as Owens toyed with the number 19.

Zambra would put the contest far beyond Bohs reach with just under twenty minutes left to play (72:43), unleashing an exquisite missile off her left boot that rattled under the lip of of the crossbar before bouncing inside Kelly's line.

Emily Corbet who made her appearance alongside Melissa O'Kane in the 68th would net the 5th (76:20)

The former Wexford Youth sharpshooter shone in moments on the right wing and demonstrated her flair to tear away from Ruddy in the 86th. (86:53)

Jaime Thompson too added a touch of panache with a deft step over and pass square up the line for Katie O'Reilly to chase (83:20).

The game would end 5-1 to the Rovers Women, who extract three points from Bohs for a second time this campaign.

The Hoops next welcome Sligo Rovers to Dublin 24 on September 14th.