

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves 1-3 H&W Welders U20

Saturday 1st October – NIFL Development League North

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves suffered their first defeat of the season when beaten 3-1 by H&W Welders Under 20s at Dixon Park.

The win toppled Kingsley Burrows' lads from their pole position in the Championship Development League North, and promoted the Tillysburn Park side to second spot on goal difference behind leaders Institute, with Comrades Reserves dropping to third.

The damage was done in the first half when the Welders built up a three goals' lead, and only the brilliance of teenage keeper Ross Higgins prevented further scores.

In the 55th minute Kyle Robinson pulled one back, when he latched onto a Scott Cummings pass and slotted the ball wide of the keeper.

The Wee Reds had plenty of possession in the second half, but were unable to break down a massed defensive formation.

Commenting manager Burrows said, "In the first half we gifted Welders three goals and failed to convert two scoring chances, but the young lads are keen to learn."