

## **Ballyclare Comrades Reserves 5-1 Newcastle Swifts**

### **Saturday 12th November – Toal's Junior Shield (Third Round)**

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves advanced to the next round of the County Antrim Junior Shield with a thumping 5-1 win against Newcastle Premier League leaders Newcastle Swifts at Dixon Park.

The visitors were shell-shocked after finding themselves two down after only eight minutes. Michael Haskins opened the scoring from a Scott Cummings pass, then Haskins was the provider for Cummings to double the lead.

Cummings and Reece Gilmour were a constant threat, and after Gilmour drilled one past the keeper, Cummings made it 4-0 at the break, when he doubled his tally with his eleventh strike of the season.

Swifts pulled one back during the third quarter, but this one was cancelled out by Ryan McIlwaine, who pounced on a loose ball in the box and fired in to the roof of the net.

This was the Wee Reds' sixth win on the spin, during which they have scored 24 while conceding only 4.

"Newcastle started as favourites, but our young lads played them off the park," stated manager Kingsley Burrows. "Our opponents were much more experienced, bigger and stronger physically, but they were unable to cope with the fast passing game that we practise during training sessions," he added.

Comrades Reserves: McKnight; Gault, K McCauley, Ervine, Fenton, Haggan, Clarke, Robinson, Gilmour, Haskins, Cummings. Subs: Chalmers, A McCauley, Coulter, McIlwaine, Hill.