

Moyola Park Olympic 0-5 Ballyclare Comrades U20

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A Reece Gilmour double underpinned Ballyclare Comrades U20 comprehensive win against Moyola Park Olympic in a Championship Development League North fixture. Scott Cummings, Michael Haskins and Kyle Robinson also got their names on the scorecard in the 5-0 win at Mill Meadow.

Even without regulars Luke Fenton, Graham Ervine and skipper Scott Gault, Kinglsey Burrows' lads were much too strong for the Castledawson lads, with goalkeeper Ross McKnight scarcely touching the ball all afternoon.

Cummings was first on to the score sheet in the 20th minute when he ran on to a nicely weighted pass by Ryan McIlwaine and chipped the goalie.

Five minutes later Gilmour doubled the lead when he cut in from the left, and tucked the ball under the advancing keeper, and just before the break Haskins made it 3-0 in a goalmouth scramble following a corner.

Robinson was posing problems on the right wing, and from one of his crosses Gilmour doubled his tally with a firm header, and at this stage Burrows made a double substitution.

Peter Nesbitt and Joel Haggan replaced Cummings and Ross Clarke, with Gilmour moving inside to take the top striker's role.

The Wee Reds continued to dominate and Robinson completed the scoring with a deflected shot in to the bottom corner.

Man of the Match: Ryan McIlwaine, midfielder.

The win cemented the U20s number one spot in the league table ahead of PSNI Olympic.

Commenting manager Burrows said "Owing to injuries our back four was badly disrupted, but Jack Chalmers and Adam McCauley proved to be worthy replacements, so that Ross McKnight in goal didn't have to make a save all afternoon.

Comrades Reserves: McKnight; Lilburn, Chalmers, K McCauley, A McCauley; McIlwaine, Clarke; Robinson, Haskins, Gilmour; Cummings. Subs: Haggan, McAbery, Nesbitt, Ervine.