

## **Ballyclare Comrades U20 3-2 Dervock**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Toal's Junior Shield (Fifth Round)**

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves advanced to the quarter-final of the County Antrim Junior Shield at the expense of Dervock, in a closely contested fifth round clash at Antrim Forum.

The Ballymena lads recovered from a two goals' deficit at the interval to restore parity and set up a tense finish, but Michael Haskins proved to be the home hero when he secured the 3-2 win by blasting in the winner six minutes from time.

Scott Cummings got Ballyclare off to the best possible start when he opened the scoring in the second minute, with a fine left foot finish following a neat build-up involving Reece Gilmour and Scott Gault.

With Ross McKnight rarely troubled in the home goal, half chances were created at the opposite end for Cummings, Joel Haggan and Gault before Kyle McCauley doubled the lead in the 35<sup>th</sup> minute from a Haskins pass.

Dervock hauled themselves back in to contention on the hour from a penalty conceded by Haggan, and five minutes later it was 2-2 when the ball was rifled in to the roof of the net well beyond the reach of McKnight.

Skipper Gault looked all set to secure the win when through for a one-on-one, but his chip over the keeper cleared the bar. Gault redeemed himself when he created the space for Haskins to fire in the 84<sup>th</sup> minute winner.

“Our young lads turned in one of their best performances to date to beat a more experienced side, and indeed they could have won more convincingly,” enthused manager Kingsley Burrows. “Dervock’s two goals came as the result of us not dealing positively with balls in to the box, so we will work on that before we take on Willowfield in the quarter-final,” he added.

Man of the Match: influential midfielder Joel Haggan.

Comrades Reserves: McKnight; A McCauley, K McCauley, Ervine, Gault (C); Haggan, Clarke; Gilmour, Haskins, McIlwaine; Cummings. Subs: Nesbitt, Lilburn, Chalmers.