

Larne Olympic 1-5 Ballyclare Comrades Reserves

Saturday 29th October – NIFL Development League North

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves coasted to a comprehensive win in the local derby with Larne Olympic in a Championship Development League fixture in Larne.

Kingsley Burrows' lads turned round four up, and later added a fifth to make it four wins on the bounce, and run out 5-1 winners.

Three goals in a five minutes' purple patch had the home side reeling. Scott Gault opened the scoring in the 19th minute from the penalty spot after he had been fouled, following a right wing thrust by Kyle Robinson, and moments later Reece Gilmour doubled the lead when he profited from a defensive error.

In the 24th minute Luke Fenton and Michael Haskins linked down the left, with Haskins drilling the ball in to the net at the near post to make it 3-0.

Approaching the interval Joel Haggan scored the most spectacular goal of the afternoon, when he blasted the ball in to the net from twenty-five yards – his second in two matches from midfield.

Larne had two penalty shouts turned down in the first half, but a third appeal after 55 minutes was successful and they reduced the deficit from the spot.

Gilmore doubled his tally and restored Comrades' four goals advantage in the closing stages with a fine left foot volley from a Kyle McCauley pass.

"There's a real passion and belief from these young lads," said Burrows. "They bring what has been worked on in training to the pitch on match day, and it's a real pleasure watching their progress from week to week," he added.

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