

H&W Welders U20 1-2 Ballyclare Comrades U20

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Zach Barr scored the winner that gave Ballyclare Comrades U20 their first ever win against H&W Welders U20.

Last season the teams met four times, and Kingsley Burrows' lads never managed a win, but on Saturday at Victoria Park in east Belfast they triumphed 2-1 in a Championship Development League North fixture.

Midway through the first half Reece Gilmour scored from the penalty spot after Barr had been tripped, and play continued to mainly towards the home end, where Jonny Coulter and Luke McCabery had efforts saved by the keeper, who was much busier than Geoff McKinty at the other end.

When Adam McCart was judged to have fouled an opponent, the Welders drew level from the resultant penalty to leave the scores level at the break.

The Reds continued to have the better of exchanges in a dull second half, and in the 78th minute their superiority was rewarded, when Barr tucked away the rebound after McCabery's initial effort had been blocked by the keeper.

Man of the Match: midfielder Ross Clarke.

"Last season the Welders denied us all nine points, but we had seventy per cent of attacking play this time, and should have won by a wider margin," stated manager Burrows." However two wins from two outings is a promising start to the season," he added.

Comrades Reserves: McKinty; Cooper, McCart, McQuitty, Fenton; Coulter, Haggan, Clarke, McCabery; Gilmour, Barr. Subs: Lilburn, Ervine, McGrath.