

Ballyclare Comrades U20 0-0 Institute Reserves

Saturday 24th March 2018 – NIFL Development League North

Report courtesy of the Newtownabbey Times

The Championship Development League North match of the day between Ballyclare Comrades U20 and Institute Reserves was staged at Dixon Park on Saturday afternoon.

The Stute lads lying in second spot started favourites against 4th placed Comrades, and, generally speaking, the teams cancelled each other out with very little action in either penalty area.

Ewan McGrath in the home goal did advance on one occasion to thwart a visiting striker who had got in behind the defence, while at the opposite end top scorer Reece Gilmour was denied by the Stute custodian in a one-against-one confrontation.

“It was quite an interesting game between two well matched teams, who both tried to play constructive football with the ball on the deck,” stated Ballyclare manager Kingsley Burrows, “and a nil-nil draw just about sums up the match.

“We gave Joe McWilliams and Francis Dugan from the senior squad much needed game time, but the outstanding performers were Jack Chalmers, Scott Gault and Joel Haggan, “, he added.

The result leaves the Wee Reds in fourth position behind the Dundela Reserves, Institute and Welders, who hit the headlines at the weekend when they whitewashed leaders Dundela 6-0.

Comrades Reserves: McGrath, Campbell, Ervine, Chalmers, Gault, McWilliams, Haggan, Nesbitt, Coulter, Gilmour, Dugan. Subs: Cooper, Walsh, Clarke.