

## **Ballyclare Comrades U20 1-2 Larne Olympic**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 – NIFL Development League North**

### **Report courtesy of the Newtownabbey Times**

Ten man Ballyclare Comrades Under 20s came off second best in the local derby with Larne Olympic, who collected the Championship Development League North points on a 2-1 scoreline.

Kingsley Burrows' lads were forced to play for an hour a man short, after centre half Jack Chalmers was sent off for an alleged over robust tackle, but the scorecard remained blank at the break.

Ten minutes in to the second session the Larne lads drew first blood following a fine flowing movement and a good finish that gave Ewan McGrath in the home goal no chance.

Comrades had been dictating the terms of play, and this reverse sparked a lively reply, with the Olympic goal having several let-offs.

Reece Gilmour and Thomas Campbell had efforts that crashed against the post, while a Jonny Coulter drive rebounded off the bar, but a Larne midfielder did better when his long range drive doubled the lead.

Coulter eventually pulled one back when he drilled the ball in to the net from the edge of the box, and although Ballyclare pressed forward in the closing stages the Larne defence held out

Comrades Man of the Match: striker Reece Gilmour.

The result leaves Ballyclare in third spot in the table behind Institute and Dundela, while Larne remain in the bottom half.

Commenting Kingsley Burrows said, "The game was spoiled by inconsistent decisions by the referee, and I was incensed when Jack Chalmers received a straight red card for an innocuous tackle that didn't merit even a yellow one in my opinion."

Comrades Reserves: McGrath, Campbell, McQuitty, Chalmers, Neilly, Coulter, Haggan, Clarke, Smyth, McCabery, Gilmour. Subs: McCauley, Cooper, Walsh, Irvine.