

PSNI Olympic 1-3 Ballyclare Comrades U20

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Report courtesy of the Newtownabbey Times

A Reece Gilmour double underpinned Ballyclare Comrades Reserves' win against PSNI Olympic at Newforge, where Jonny Coulter also got his name on the scorecard. The teams turned round all square at 1-1, but Kingsley Burrows' lads then added two unanswered goals to secure the 3-1 Championship Development League North win. Straight from the kick-off the Wee Reds were one up in twelve seconds, when top midfielder Joel Haggan won the ball and threaded it through for Gilmour to net his 20th goal of the season.

Olympic were back on level terms after twenty minutes when a home striker came out tops in a one against one confrontation with keeper Ewan McGrath.

After half an hour Burrows was forced to reshuffle his defence following an injury to centre half Andy Neilly. Full back Thomas Campbell switched to partner Graham Ervine at the heart of the defence, with Kirk Cooper dropping in to the full back berth, but still Comrades had the edge without further scoring before the interval.

Coulter regained the lead when he controlled a Luke McCabery cross and drilled the ball in to the net, and later Gilmour took his tally for the season to twenty-one, when he nonchalantly chipped the keeper after having been played in by Haggan.

Man of the Match: Graham Ervine, central defender.

"It was a well deserved win, and really it was comparatively easy at the end with the result never in doubt," stated manager Burrows.

Comrades Reserves: McGrath, Campbell, Ervine, Neilly, McCauley, Cooper, Clarke, Haggan, Smyth, McCabery, Gilmour. Subs: Lilburn, Coulter, Walsh.