

Armagh City Reserves 2-3 Ballyclare Comrades Reserves

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Ballyclare Comrades Reserves completed the double against Armagh City Reserves at Holm Park, and the three points lifted them in to third spot in the table.

Having thrashed the same opponents 8-0 two weeks previously, another easy win was expected, but Stephen Black's lads had to work hard to secure a 3-2 result, after falling behind to an early home goal.

However, within five minutes it was back to all square when Curt Cooper, Michael McCabe and Tom Patchett carved open the defence for Adam McClelland to apply the finishing touch.

Midway through the first half Adam Surgeoner supplied the pass for Jack Walshe to give the Wee Reds a 2-1 lead at the break.

In the 55th minute McCabe increased the lead when he slid in a Patchett cross, and although the Armagh lads pulled one back fifteen minutes from time the Ballyclare lads held out for a merited win.

Man of the Match: Adam McClelland, midfielder.

"We had enough of the ball to record another big win, but we had left our shooting boots in Ballyclare," stated manager Black. "We made life difficult for ourselves, and there were a few anxious moments in a tense finish," he added.