

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves 1-1 Ballinamallard United Reserves

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Report courtesy of the Newtownabbey Times

A Curt Cooper penalty ensured a division of the Championship Development League North spoils, in Ballyclare Comrades Reserves' clash with Ballinamallard United Reserves at Antrim Forum grounds.

In a scoreless first half Ethan McKeown had a shot well saved, while a Thomas Campbell effort whizzed past the post, and at the other end teenage keeper Jamie Sempey distinguished himself in a one-against-one confrontation with a fine block. Cooper broke the deadlock in the 50th minute when he converted a penalty after Tom Patchett had been fouled, but ten minutes from time the Mallards salvaged a point with a tap in equaliser.

Man of the Match: Isaiah Close, midfielder.

"It was a good game between two well matched sides, and a draw was a fair result," stated manager Stephen Black.