

Ballycastle United 2-1 Ballyclare Comrades Reserves

Saturday 10th November 2018 – Toals Junior Shield

Report courtesy of the Newtownabbey Times

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves were knocked out of the County Antrim Junior Shield at UUC grounds, where Ballycastle United got the verdict 2-1.

United took the lead in the 55th minute, and after this was cancelled out by Michael McCabe, the hosts bagged the winner three minutes from time.

A closely contested first half ended scoreless, with Comrades' best chance falling to McCabe whose effort was saved by the keeper.

At the opposite end Ben Fry had an easy time, but ten minutes in to the second session he had to retrieve the ball from the net when beaten by a rocket in to the top corner.

In the 65th minute it was all square again when McCabe powered home a header from a Tom Patchett cross, and this heralded a period of Reds supremacy, but efforts by McCabe and Jack Walshe failed to find the target.

In the closing stages 'Castle got on top, forcing Fry to make a couple of fine saves, before he was beaten in the 87th minute.

Commenting manager Stephen Black said, "Bearing in mind that we created more chances than Ballycastle we didn't deserve to lose but making the wrong decision at key points cost us the tie. However, I was pleased that the boys had reached the third round of this top competition," he added.