

**Belfast Celtic YM 5-5 Ballyclare Comrades Reserves
(Ballyclare won 5-4 on penalties)**

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Ballyclare Comrades Reserves were involved in a ten goals thriller with Belfast Celtic YM during normal time, and then took the goals tally to nineteen when they won the penalty shootout 5-4.

This County Antrim Junior Shield second round tie was staged at Suffolk Playing Fields in west Belfast, where strikes by Michael McCabe and Adam McClelland had Stephen Black's lads in command, but the hosts recovered to score three times to turn around 3-2 up.

Soon it was all square again when a home defender scored an own goal, but the city lads regained the lead with two more goals that seemed to have been enough to book their place in the next round, but a Ballyclare revival produced strikes by Sam Lilburn and Tom Patchett in the final five minutes made it 5-5.

Twenty minutes extra time failed to alter the score-line, so it was down to the dreaded penalty shootout that the Wee Reds won 5-4 with goals by Kurt Cooper, Thomas Campbell, Ryan Weatherhead, McCabe and McClelland.

"It was a topsy-turvy game with the lead changing hands a couple of times," stated manager Black. "In the end we had to thank goalkeeper Ben Fry for getting us in to round three; not only did he save two penalties, but he got a hand to all four that were scored, and this made him the undisputed Man of the Match," he added.