

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves 4-1 Dundela Reserves

Saturday 19th January 2019 – NIFL Championship/PIL Development League

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Ballyclare Comrades Reserves made up for the senior side's unexpected loss with a Championship Development League North win against Dundela Reserves.

After turning around three up at Dixon Park, Stephen Black's lads went on to record a comprehensive 4-1 win.

Michael McCabe opened the scoring in the 10th minute when he drilled the ball in to the bottom corner after playing a one-two with Tom Patchett.

A second followed soon afterwards when Patchett flicked on a long clearance by keeper Ben Fry, and Jack Walsh out-paced the defence to beat the advancing keeper.

Approaching the break Adam McClelland made it 3-0 when he nodded in a Nathan Sloss corner, and the hosts carried the momentum in to the second session.

Another Sloss corner caused havoc in the six yards area where a hand-ball infringement occurred, with Curt Cooper converting the resultant penalty.

Fry had scarcely a serious save to make throughout the game, but he was beaten by a spot kick, when the Duns were awarded a penalty following a rash tackle by Adam Surgeoner.

Man of the Match: Ryan Weatherhead, centre back.

"We were the better team and were worthy winners," stated manager Black, "and the win keeps us in fourth position in the table."