

H&W Welders U20 2-0 Ballyclare Comrades Reserves

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Report courtesy of the Newtownabbey Times

Following four wins on the bounce Ballyclare Comrades Reserves suffered defeat at Tillysburn Park by H&W Welders Reserves.

The home side opened the scoring after ten minutes with a rocket from twenty yards in to the top corner that gave Ben Fry no chance.

Comrades were well in the game and an equaliser seemed on the cards when Tom Patchett threaded the ball through the middle to Ryan Weatherhead, but the keeper advanced smartly to clear the danger.

At the opposite end Fry tipped two efforts over the bar, so the teams turned around all square in this Championship Development League fixture.

Following a fine link-up between Sam Lilburn and Patchett, Weatherhead was denied again by a competent keeper's diving save, but with the Kirk Cooper's lads pressing for an equaliser they were caught short at the back, when the Welders made it 2-0 in the 88th minute.

Commenting manager Stephen Black said, "We created chances, but we didn't have our shooting boots with us. Ryan Doherty had a very solid game at the back," he added.