

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves 0-1 Knockbreda Reserves

Saturday 22nd December 2018 – NIFL Championship/PIL Development League

Report courtesy of the Newtownabbey Times

Despite losing to Knockbreda Reserves at Dixon Park, Ballyclare Comrades Reserves still retain their top five position in the Championship Development League North table.

Manager Stephen Black's starting eleven included senior players Joe Tully and Gary Donnelly, but the visitors scored the only goal of the match midway through the first half at the second attempt, after keeper Ben Fry had parried the initial effort.

Donnelly twice lost out on one-against-one confrontations with the Breda keeper, who later was glad to hear a Tully free crash against the bar before being scrambled to safety.

In the second session Donnelly was thwarted by a fine diving save, while Tully rattled the woodwork again, but the Wee Reds were unable to penetrate a solid defensive set-up in the closing stages.

Commenting manager Black said, "The result could have gone either way, but we failed to put away our scoring opportunities. However, we are still at the upper end of the table."