

Moyola Park Olympic 3-2 Ballyclare Comrades Reserves

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Report courtesy of the Newtownabbey Times

After turning around two up Ballyclare Comrades Reserves left Mill Meadow empty-handed, after being beaten by Moyola Park Olympic in a Championship Development League North fixture.

Three home second half goals in a ten-minute purple patch turned the match on its head with Olympic finishing 3-2 winners.

Following the departure of manager Kingsley Burrows, his successor Stephen Black fielded an entirely new team, with only Curtis Cooper (younger brother of former Comrades star Joel who is now with Linfield) the sole survivor from the previous season.

Ryan Worthington opened the scoring when he latched on to a long punt upfield by keeper Ben Fry, and later Thomas Campbell doubled the lead when he converted a Cooper cross.

Commenting manager Black said, "With Tom Patchett dominant in midfield we bossed the first half, and deserved to be in front, but we were rather flat after the interval and had no answer to Moyola's three strikes."

Comrades Under 20s panel: Ben Fry, Kurt Cooper, Ryan Doherty, Ryan Weatherhead, Nathan Sloss, Thomas Campbell, Ethan McKeown, Tom Patchett, Adam McClelland, Jack Walshe, Kyle Apsley, Isaiah Close