

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves 3-2 Newington Reserves

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Report courtesy of the Newtownabbey Times

Teenage debutantes, Ian Martin and Jack Moore, scored the goals that secured the Championship Development League North points for Ballyclare Comrades Reserves, at the expense of Newington Reserves at Antrim Forum grounds.

Young Martin scored the only goal of the first half when he tapped in to the net from close range, after Ryan Worthington's shot rebounded off the post.

Stephen Black's lads had the majority of possession, but Ben Fry in the home goal pulled off the most spectacular save of the afternoon from a well hit free.

With the strong wind in their favour in the second session Comrades extended their advantage, when Martin collected a Nathan Clarke pass, beat two defenders and coolly fired in to the net.

Two quick goals by the north Belfast side fifteen minutes from time threatened to turn the game on its head, but in the 86th minute Sam Lilburn threaded the ball through to Moore who took a touch and netted the winner.

Man of the Match: Ben Fry, goalkeeper.

Reflecting on the win manager Black said, "For our final league game I introduced five lads from the Under 17s, and they didn't let themselves down. We have some very promising players coming through the system, and I hope that several of them will eventually make it to the senior side," he stated.