

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves 7-0 PSNI Olympic

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The highlight of Ballyclare Comrades Reserves' 7-0 romp against PSNI Olympic at Antrim Forum was Tom Patchett's hat-trick.

The midfielder, who has been turning in impressive displays week on week, in addition to his treble was also involved in most of the goals.

Ryan Weatherhead was first on to the scorecard when he headed home a Patchett cross, and then full back Kurt Cooper doubled the lead following good work by Michael McCabe.

With Comrades continuing to dominate, Patchett opened his account with a shot in to the bottom corner of the net following a mazy solo run in which he beat several would be tacklers.

The Wee Reds carried the momentum in to the second session and McCabe made it 4-0 when he dinked the ball over the advancing keeper from a Sam Lilburn pass.

Cooper did the spadework for Patchett to get his second, and then Kyle Apsley added a sixth after collecting a Patchett pass, before Patchett completed the rout by converting a penalty after he had been fouled in the box.

Man of the Match: midfielder Tom Patchett.

Commenting manager Stephen Black said, "With regular goalkeeper Ben Fry called up to the senior side, Jamie Semple (ex Ballymena United Under 18s) proved to be a capable deputy, making three crucial saves to keep a clean sheet."