

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves 2-3 Portadown Reserves

Saturday 2nd March 2019 – NIFL Championship/PIL Development League

Report courtesy of the Newtownabbey Times

After a midweek they were whitewashed 10-0 at Shamrock Park, Ballyclare Comrades Reserves put up a better show on Saturday at Antrim Forum grounds where the winning margin for the visitors was 3-2.

The Ports continued on the ascendancy in Antrim where they opened the scoring with a header, but it was all square at the interval, after Adam McClelland fired in to the bottom corner from a Nathan Sloss corner.

The visitors regained the lead on the hour, but Adam Wright restored parity with a header from a McClelland corner, while Tom Patchett and Thomas Campbell also tested the keeper.

Ten minutes from time the Ports secured the points when a cross-cum-shot drifted in to the net, but in injury time after Wright skipped past three opponents Michael McCabe almost salvaged a point, but his finishing effort flashed past the post.

Manager Stephen Black reflecting on the game stated “With regular keeper Ben Fry suspended, outfield player Adam Surgeoner gamely volunteered to don the gloves for both matches, and he had a much easier time on Saturday in a more evenly contested affair.”