

## **Ballyclare Comrades Reserves 5-1 Sport & Leisure Swifts Reserves**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – NIFL Championship/PIL Development League**

### **Report courtesy of the Newtownabbey Times**

After trailing 1-0 against Sport & Leisure Swifts Reserves at half time, Ballyclare Comrades Reserves resumed with all guns blazing and cruised to an emphatic 5-1 win.

This Championship Development League fixture was staged at Dixon Park where midfielder Tom Patchett's double strike earned him the man of the match accolade.

The city side opened the scoring from a quickly taken free, and Comrades never really looked like challenging during a lethargic first forty-five minutes performance.

Five minutes in to the second session Kurt Cooper equalised from the penalty spot after Jack Walsh had been sent sprawling in the box, and soon after young Cooper helped his side to take the lead, when he linked with Patchett before crossing for Ryan Murdock to head in to the net.

Sam Lilburn made it 3-1 from close range, before Patchett coolly chipped the keeper from an Adam McClelland pass, and later a right-wing move involving Cooper resulted in Patchett netting his second to complete the rout.

Man of the Match: Tom Patchett, midfielder.

"We were absolutely shocking in the first half, and deserved to be behind at half time, but there was a vast improvement after the interval," stated manager Stephen Black.