

Ballyclare Comrades U20 3-2 Brantwood

Saturday 3rd October 2020 – Pre-season Friendly

Ballyclare Comrades Under-20s extended their unbeaten sequence to seven – five wins, two draws – with an odd goal in five win against Brantwood.

Originally scheduled to be played at Threemilewater Park this pre-season friendly was switched to Dixon Park, where new manager Jackie Moore's young guns turned round three up, before running out 3-2 winners.

The Reds got off to a flying start and were one up after five minutes when Jack Moore drilled the ball in to the bottom corner from twenty-two yards, after pouncing on a loose ball.

With Oliver McGrath prominent up front Comrades created several chances, and eventually in the 20th minute Owen Barrons doubled the lead when he played a neat one-two with McGrath and then rounded the keeper.

On the half hour skipper Ben Monaghan made ground down the right flank before linking with Barrons who applied the finishing touch.

Brantwood came more in to the game forcing Aaron MacFarlane to make several saves, before he was eventually beaten seconds before the break to leave Comrades leading 3-1 at the turnaround.

Both teams made several changes in personnel at the interval and this disrupted the flow of play, with the only goal of the second session coming in injury time when the Brants pulled one back.

The twin centre half pairing of Rhys McAllister and Louis Wilson proved to be very effective, but right-sided midfielder Owen Barrons' brace earned him the Man of the Match accolade.

Comrades U20s: MacFarlane, Edge, McAllister, Wilson, Irwin, Monaghan (C), Moore, Campbell, Barrons, Magee, McGrath. Subs: C Mulholland, McCormack, Hutchinson, Long, N Mulholland.