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Ballyclare Comrades Reserves 2-1 Knockbreda Reserves

Saturday 14th September 2019 - Championship/PIL Development League

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves got their Championship Development League North campaign off to a winning start at the expense of Knockbreda Reserves.

The match was played at Antrim Forum grounds where strikes by Kyle Crawford and Johnny Patterson sealed the 2-1 win.

Stephen Black's lads started promisingly with Jake McNeill and Patterson having efforts saved, and eventually Crawford opened the scoring with a header from a Curt Cooper corner.

The city side equalised before the interval, but Patterson secured the points in the 63rd minute, when he latched on to a McNeill pass and tucked the ball under the advancing keeper.

Goalkeeper Josh Dunn had to make a couple of saves in the latter stages, while Thomas McKitterick almost increased Comrades' lead.

Man of the Match: Adam Surgeoner, full back.

Commenting manager Black said, "We were on top for most of the time and were deserved winners."

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves: Dunn, Cooper, McCune, Weatherhead, Crawford, Surgeoner, McKitterick, Close, Patterson, McNeill, Hagan. Subs: Moore, Meneely, Smyth, O'Neill, Oueslati.