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**Knockbreda Reserves 3-2 Ballyclare Comrades Reserves**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Championship/PIL Development League**

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves got the second half of their Championship Development League programme off to a poor start, when they lost out to Knockbreda Reserves, but the city side had to come from behind to clinch the points.

Stephen Black's lads were first on to the scorecard at Breda Park when Thomas McKinty burst through from his own half before rifling the ball into the bottom corner of the net.

Midway through the first half the hosts drew level with a header from a corner, and then approaching the interval forged ahead following a long throw-in right into the danger area.

The Breda lads held on to the lead until the 80<sup>th</sup> minute, when Jonny Patterson equalised with a spectacular overhead kick into the top corner, after Adam Surgeoner's initial effort had been blocked by the keeper.

In a nervy finish Knockbreda secured the points in the 87<sup>th</sup> minute when they beat the offside trap, leaving their striker a clear run on goal to give Josh Dunn no chance.

The win in this mid table battle eased Knockbreda a few points ahead of Comrades in the league standings.

Reflecting on the game manager Black said, "We were disappointed to come away with nothing. I was satisfied with the performance overall, but I will be looking for more composure on the ball in future.

The lads all fought every inch of the way, so I would be reluctant to name a man of the match," he added.

**Ballyclare Comrades Reserves:** Dunn, Woods, McKitterick, Surgeoner, Sloss, Millar, Cooper, Close, Patterson, Sloan, Campbell. Subs: Meneely, Oueslati, Martin, Hill.