

Nortel 2-3 Ballyclare Comrades U20s

Saturday 22nd August 2020 – Pre-season Friendly

New look Ballyclare Comrades Under 20s secured a 3-2 away win against Nortel in a pre-season friendly, but they had to come from behind twice before getting over the line.

After the hosts had drawn first blood Jackie Moore's lads were back on level terms when Louis Wilson powered home a header from an Owen Barron corner.

The Amateur League side regained the lead on the half hour, but this was cancelled out when Ethan Irwin got on to the end of a Barron free and nodded wide of the home keeper, so the teams turned round all square.

Midway through the second session substitute Jordan Campbell notched the winner when he ran on to a nicely weighted Oliver McGrath pass and drilled the ball in to the net.

Man of the Match: Oliver McGrath, centre-forward.

This was an encouraging result for new manager Jackie Moore who comes to Dixon Park after having been with Carrick Rangers.

"I have been involved in coaching young players for several years, most recently with Carrick," he said, "and I have brought a few players with me. I have also recruited from several other clubs, so we will be starting our Championship Development League North campaign with an entirely new squad. We got a win against Nortel, but I was not happy – our passing was not up to standard, and that is one aspect we will have to work on. However there were quite a lot of positives and several encouraging performances, but Oliver McGrath shaded it up front as man of the match. He is a big lad and should pose problems for defenders," added Moore.