

Ballyclare Comrades U20 2-2 Greenisland II

Saturday 29th August 2020 – Pre-season Friendly

Louis Wilson's double strike was enough to earn Ballyclare Comrades U20s a draw against Greenisland II.

The pre-season friendly was played at Sixmile Leisure Centre grounds on Saturday when a late strike by the visitors secured a 2-2 draw.

Defender Wilson was first on to the scorecard when he headed home an Owen Barrons corner, but soon the scores were level again when a set piece was not cleared properly.

Approaching the interval Wilson regained the lead when he nodded in from a well-placed Ethan Irwin free, and although the Wee Reds had territorial advantage for most of the time they had only a one goal advantage to show for their efforts at the interval. The nearest they came to going further head came when a Ben Monaghan effort crashed against the bar.

Both managers introduced several substitutes during an untidy second half during which Wilson was denied a hat-trick when his header was cleared off the line with the keeper beaten.

With time running out Greenisland salvaged a draw with a shot that gave 'keeper Robbie Shaw no chance.

Man of the Match: Louis Wilson, centre half.

Comrades Under 20s: Robbie Shaw, Max Sterrit, Ethan Irwin, Louis Wilson, Bradley Hutchinson, Carson Mulholland, Ben Monaghan, Jonny Edge, Jay Macauley, Owen Barrons, Jake Magee. Subs: Jack Moore, Jordan McCallister, Daniel McGrath, plus two trialists.

Manager Jackie Moore felt that his side should have had the result sewn up by half-time. "We dominated in the first half but failed to put away chances," he stated. "However, I noticed an improvement in our overall performance from the previous game. Our passing was more consistent and precise, and I look forward to week on week improvements," he added.