

Crusaders Reserves 0-1 Ballyclare Comrades U20s

Sunday 6th September 2020 – Pre-season Friendly

A solitary Owen Barrons strike secured victory for Ballyclare Comrades Under-20s against Crusaders Reserves in Sunday's pre-season friendly.

The decisive goal at Seaview came in the 65th minute when the midfielder out-muscled his opponent before scoring from the edge of the box.

In a dull first half there was little action in either penalty area, with Comrades keeper Aaron MacFarlane's only anxious moment being a reflex save when he got a hand to the ball to prevent it crossing the line.

Manager Jackie Moore shuffled his midfield for the second session, with Jordan Campbell coming off the bench to take over at number ten. This proved to be an astute move, with the home keeper saving a Campbell effort following a cut-back by Jay Macauley, and later denying Barrons who had been set up by the influential Campbell.

Ten minutes from time the Crues were reduced to ten men following a foul on MacFarlane, but they managed to hold out without further scoring.

Man of the Match: Owen Barrons.

Reflecting on the win Jackie Moore said, "This was a good workout which I felt that we controlled. We had the territory but we were a bit wasteful in the final third. We need to improve on our decision making but I've seen a slight improvement overall in each game - season," he added.

Comrades U20s: MacFarlane, Edge, Irwin, Wilson, McCreery, Mulholland, Barrons, Monaghan, Macauley, Trialist, Magee. Subs: Hutchinson, McCormack, Campbell, McCallister, Long.