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Saturday 8th February 2020 – Championship/PIL Development League

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves 2-0 Limavady United Reserves

Strikes by Johnny Patterson and Ryan Worthington earned Ballyclare Comrades Reserves their first 2020 Championship Development League win.

Limavady United Reserves were the victims at Antrim Forum grounds, where an unanswered goal in each half secured a deserved 2-0 win.

Patterson broke the deadlock in the 25th minute when he headed into the roof of the net following a left-wing surge by Thomas McKitterick. The visitors were restricted to sporadic raids, so that Josh Dunn in the home goal had an easy time, while his opposite number dealt competently with Jordan Campbell and Reece Sloan efforts, so Stephen Black's lads turned around with a slender one goal lead.

Play fluctuated from end to end during the second session, but neither attack threatened to make an impression on the scorecard until the 75th minute, when Worthington pounced on a Patterson rebound to tap in to the net from close range to make sure of the points.

"The strong wind spoiled the game," stated Black." Both teams tried to keep the ball on the ground, but it was not an entertaining match. However, we did enough to get the job done, and I was impressed by some of the young lads promoted from the Under 17s with one of them, Joshua Blackadder, named man of the match," he confirmed.

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves: Dunn, Cooper, Blackadder, Ervine, Wilson, Moore, Sloan, Lavery, Patterson, J Campbell, McKitterick. Subs: Worthington, McAllister, Knox, Surgeoner, Meneely.