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Ballyclare Comrades Reserves 2-4 Lisburn Distillery II

Saturday 30th November 2019 – Championship/PIL Development League

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves squandered a 2-0 lead and ended with nothing to show for their efforts, in a Championship Development League fixture at Antrim Forum Grounds.

Isaiah Close was the provider when Corey Knox opened the scoring with a strong shot against Lisburn Distillery II, and later Kurt Cooper doubled the advantage when he rammed the ball into the bottom corner, following fine approach lay by Close and Jonny Patterson.

However, the visitors reduced the deficit from the penalty spot following a foul in the box, and only two stunning diving saves by Josh Dunn, who tipped a couple of raspers over the bar, prevented them from drawing level.

Stephen Black's lads had the upper hand during the first half. but they turned round only one up.

In the second half the young Whites took control and added three unanswered goals to finish comprehensive 4-2 winners.

Reflecting on the heavy defeat manager Black said, "I was happy enough at half time when we were 2-1 up, but we fell to pieces in the second half. Play was far below the expected standard, and attitudes were all wrong. All round it was a bad day with little or no positives to report," he fumed.

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves: Dunn, Cooper, Sloss, Surgeoner, Weatherhead, Close, Patterson, Oueslati, Smyth, Meneely, Knox. Subs: Blackadder, Adams, Clarke, Hill, Moore.