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Loughgall Reserves 5-0 Ballyclare Comrades Reserves

Saturday 14th December 2019 – Championship/PIL Development League

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves' poor form continued at the weekend when they extended their losing run to four on the bounce.

Lakeview Park was the venue for the Championship Development League fixture against Loughgall Reserves, who romped to a comprehensive 5-0 win.

Trailing 2-0 at the break, the Wee Reds were unable to get in to top gear against one of the top sides, who added three more without reply in the second session to complete the whitewash.

Reflecting on the game manager Stephen Black said, "We were out-muscled in midfield, and never looked like winning. The match was played mainly in our half, and we managed to create only one scoring chance in the entire ninety minutes, when Jonny Patterson got on to the end of a Sammy Irvine free kick, but the keeper pulled off a fine diving save at the base of the post.

"Our goalkeeper Josh Dunn was much busier than the Loughgall keeper, and couldn't be blamed for the five against him, and indeed he also pulled off a couple of fine saves, but nobody else emerged with anything positive to report.

"Hopefully we will be able to stop the rot on Saturday by getting something from our trip north to take on Portstewart Reserves" he speculated.

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves: Dunn, Cooper, Sloss, Oueslati, Surgeoner, McKitterick, Close, Patterson, Ervine, Knox, Blackadder. Subs: Meneely, Moore.