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Saturday 7th March 2020 – Championship/PIL Development League

Newington Reserves 4-5 Ballyclare Comrades Reserves

Comrades Reserves came out on top of a pulsating encounter against Newington Reserves at the Valley Leisure Centre.

The early signs weren't good for Stephen Black's side as they were two down inside 12 minutes. Thomas McKitterick pulled a goal back in the 14th minute, but Newington restored their two-goal advantage on 33 minutes.

This remained the score until the 66th minute, when Johnny Patterson reduced the deficit. Then three minutes later the scores were level as Comrades scored again through Reece Sloan.

As the game moved to its latter stages it looked as if the hosts had sealed the win when they hit the front again in the 83rd minute. However, there was to be a dramatic finish. Firstly, Ian Martin restored parity for the young red on 85 minutes. Then in the 90th minute Comrades snatched all three points with a Jordan Campbell winner.

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves: B Millar, Oueslati, Blackadder, Laverty, Surgeoner, Moore, Sloan, Martin, Patterson, J Campbell, McKitterick. Subs: Worthington, Hill, J Millar, C Campbell, Meneely.