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Ballyclare Comrades Reserves 2-1 Dundela Reserves

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Back-to-back wins have hoisted Ballyclare Comrades Reserves up to joint third in the Championship Development League table, while Portadown and Loughgall continue to set the pace at the top.

Stephen Black's lads followed up last week's win in Bangor by collecting three points at the expense of Dundela Reserves at Antrim Forum grounds on a 2-1 scoreline.

Midway through the first half Ryan Worthington set Comrades on the victory path, when he collected a Kevin Hagan pass and drilled the ball in to the bottom corner. Play switched from end to end with neither home keeper Tom Hegan nor his opposite number, being seriously tested, so at the turnaround the Wee Reds were one up.

Early in the second session parity was restored when the Duns netted from the spot following a foul by Conor Meneely, and moments later only a brilliant block with his legs by Hegan prevented them from forging ahead.

In the 82nd minute Isaiah Close secured the points, when he neatly turned his marker and hammered a low left foot drive from the edge of the box well out of the reach of the keeper.

Man of the Match: Kevin Hagan, central midfielder.

Reflecting on the win manager Black said, "The boys put in plenty of effort and worked hard for each other and we deserved to win, but we gave away possession too often, and we will have to work on that aspect of our game."

Man of the Match: Conor Meneely, midfielder.

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves: Hegan, Cooper, Weatherhead, Oueslati, Close, Patterson, Clarke, Worthington, Meneely, Knox, Hagan. Subs: Ervine.