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**Ards II 4-3 Ballyclare Comrades Reserves**

**Saturday 16th November 2019 – Championship/PIL Development League**

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves and Ards II played out a seven-goal thriller at Londonderry Park in Newtownards, where the hosts secured the Championship Development League points by the narrowest of margins. There was never more than a goal in it at any time, but Ards were never behind and eventually got over the line 4-3 in front. The scores were level at the interval, Jonny Patterson having equalised following a link-up with Ryan Worthington, after the home side had drawn first blood. Ards regained the lead in the 50th minute only for Thomas McKitterick to restore parity from a Kurt Cooper pass. Yet again Ards forged ahead, but McKitterick doubled his tally when he made it 3-3 after neatly turning his marker, but the County Down lads had the final say when they hammered in their decisive fourth goal four minutes from time. “It was a ding-dong battle with plenty of goalmouth action, but we didn’t deserve to lose,” reflected manager Stephen Black. “Especially in the first half we had more of possession with their keeper doing well to foil Isaiah Close and Jonny Patterson, while our keeper Josh Dunn had an easier time, but lack of finishing power cost us three points,” he added.

**Ballyclare Comrades Reserves:** Dunn, Woods, Cooper, Weatherhead, Uueslati, Close, Patterson, Worthington, Sloss, Meneely, Hagan. Subs: Surgeoner, McKitterick, Clarke.