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**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Championship/PIL Development League**

**Moyola Park Olympic 3-1 Ballyclare Comrades Reserves**

Ballyclare Comrades Reserves were pre match favourites for their clash with Moyola Park Reserves, but it was the Castledawson lads who bagged the three Championship Development League points.

After an hour it was 1-1, but in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute Comrades were reduced to ten men, when goalkeeper Josh Dunn was red carded for a handling offence outside the penalty area. The hosts made full use of their numerical advantage by scoring two more without reply to finish merited 3-1 winners.

Stephen Black's lads almost opened the scoring midway through the first half, when Kurt Cooper's in-swinging corner crashed against the post, with the ball eventually scrambled to safety.

The Wee Reds were dictating the terms of play, and Thomas McKitterick and Jordan Campbell tested the home keeper, but the hosts fared better at the opposite end when one of their strikers ran through the middle, and drilled the ball in to the net as Dunn advanced off his line.

Ten minutes in to the second session the scores were level again when Cooper converted a penalty after McKittrick had been brought down in the box, but all hopes of Comrades getting anything from the game ended when Dunn was dismissed soon afterwards.

In the closing stages a long-range effort by Jack Millar that was well saved was the best that the visitors could offer.

Commenting manager Black said, "We had some good passing phases, and showed plenty of effort but there was no end product."

**Ballyclare Comrades Reserves:** Dunn, Ervine, Oueslati, Surgeoner, Wilson, Millar, Cooper, Laverty, McKitterick, J Campbell, Sloan. Subs: Worthington, Knox, C Campbell, Meneely, Jack Moore.