

Kick-off: 6pm, UCD Bowl, Sunday 28th August



Last week's 3-1 victory over Janesboro FC saw us reach the Irish Daily Mail FAI Cup quarter final for the first time since 2011. Goals from Ryan Swan, Kieran Marty Waters and Liam Scales saw us clinch victory, and has seen us pitted against the winners of Crumlin United and Dundalk FC in the quarter final which will take place the week ending the 11th September, with details to be confirmed once we know our opposition. Reacting to the draw, Collie O'Neill knows whoever his side face it's going to be extremely tough.

"Whoever we end up facing we know we are going to be up against it. If its Crumlin they will have beaten Finn Harps and Dundalk to get this far so will fancy their chances of also knocking us out, while if its Dundalk, getting the best team in the country is not everyone's ideal cup draw but to look on the bright side of things, we're at home, all the pressure will be on them. We have a young team that play with no fear and that's all I'll be asking them to do on the day and let's see where that takes us."

Limerick have emerged victorious in all three encounters so far this season and are looking to get the result they need to wrap up the league. Speaking ahead of the game Collie is not thinking about Limerick winning the league as he believes that was done a long time ago, and is purely focused on getting three points to continue our playoff push.

"I know mathematically the league isn't won yet but with a 50+ goal difference, as far as I'm concerned the league title has been won and Limerick are fully deserving champions, for them to not win it I think Limerick would need to lose all their remaining 7 games 6 nil so there's not much chance of that happening! Our main focus on Sunday is to get 3 points to help cement

one of the playoff spots."

Collie is expecting another close game on Friday, and believes Drogheda will be determined to bounce back after Limerick's last minute equaliser last week.

"I am expecting another extremely tight game on Friday. They will be looking to make amends for conceding late against Limerick, which allowed Limerick back into the game and saw it finish 3-3. However, with the way Limerick have been this season they will also look on it as a point gained in the play-off race as they remain the only side to have picked up points against Limerick so far this season."

The injury list is beginning to shorten for Collie with it down now to four players. Tomas Boyle continues to be ruled out as he continues his recovery from the neck injury which he picked up in our game against Swindon Town. Brian Shortall will also miss out with the hamstring injury which has kept him out for the majority of the season now. Cathal Brady will also join them on the sidelines after he injured his hamstring against Shelbourne a few weeks ago. While Conor O'Donnell will miss out with a knee injury.

Injured: Tomas Boyle (neck), Brian Shortall (hamstring), Cathal Brady (hamstring), Conor O'Donnell (knee)

Doubtful: None

Suspended: None

Last 5 results this season:

23/7: Cobh Ramblers 1 – 1 UCD AFC (Georgie Kelly)

29/7: UCD AFC 5 – 1 Athlone Town (Jack Watson, Greg Sloggett, Maxi Kouogun, Kieran Marty Waters, Jason Byrne)

5/8: Shelbourne 1 – 2 UCD AFC (Gary O'Neill, Jason McClelland)

12/8: UCD AFC 1 – 1 Drogheda United (Ryan Swan)

20/8: UCD AFC 3 – 1 Janesboro FC (Ryan Swan, Kieran Marty Waters, Liam Scales)

This season's top scorers (all competitions):

14 – Gary O'Neill

8 – Kieran Marty Waters

7 – Ryan Swan

5 – Greg Sloggett, Georgie Kelly, Maxi Kouogun

2 – Dylan Watts, Jack Watson, Jason McClelland

1 – Tomas Boyle, Cathal Brady, Jason Byrne, Liam Scales