

UCD AFC continued the defence of their A Championship title with a 3-2 win away to Bohemians.



Following on from their victory over Finn Harps in the opening game of the A Championship season, UCD made the trip to Dalymount Park to take on Bohemians. A brace from Stephen Doyle and another from Danny Fallon was just enough to fight off a late Bohemians fight back.

The 2010 champions wasted little time settling into the game and The Students were on top early in the first half. Sean Russell, Luke Fitzgibbon and Dean Marshall caused the home team problems from the start as Samir Belhout looked to feed of their creativity.

UCD were rarely threatened and Gavin Colton and David O'Connor marshalled their defence to swat away any potential threats. Mark McGinley needed to be alert before UCD took the lead. A surprise break led to a ball fired into the box and McGinley had to be quick to smother it at the feet of the striker, gaining a head wound for his efforts.

Stephen Doyle is more famed for his work with the ball at his feet but in the space of 5 first half minutes he proved that he can also use his head. His first header came from a corner that eluded the defenders and Doyle powered a header past the keeper. Sean Russell fired in another inviting cross minutes later with the same result. Doyle was now looking for a hat trick and UCD had a comfortable lead going into the break.

Bohemians came out in the second half determined to turn the game around. Their higher tempo and the heat of the beating sun opened the game as the energy levels began to drop. The art of heading was definitely the theme of the game as Bohs brought themselves back into the game. An expertly taken goal threatened to shake The Students confidence.

Stephen Doyle and second half substitute Danny Fallon had other ideas. Doyle sped down the right wing and delivered a pin point ball into the box where Danny Fallon was waiting to head past the Bohs keeper. That looked to have secured the tie for UCD but there was still time for a late rally from the Gypsies. A goalmouth scramble ended with the ball being slammed past McGinley. The referee brought proceedings to a halt a minute later and UCD kept up their 100% start to the A Championship season.

UCD AFC: McGinley, Dempsey (Scallon), Colton, O'Connor, Russell, Doyle, Kavanagh (Fallon), Ledwith, Fitzgibbon, Marshall (McCabe), Belhout