

UCD lifted the SSE Airtricity League U19 trophy with a dominant display over Galway United at the UCD Bowl.



A brace from Simon Power and goals from Robert Manley and Conor Crowley sealed a 4-1 victory, after Galway's Robert Spelman converted a second-half penalty.

UCD were dominant from the start and it paid off in the 18th minute as a move started and finished by Conor Crowley put UCD ahead. Crowley found space 25 yards out to drill a pass into Power who flicked the ball towards Robert Manley who was able to play in the on-rushing Crowley to finish into the bottom corner.

Johnny Glynn's Galway took time to recover from the early set-back but almost drew level just past the half-hour. The powerful Josh Marvesley turned UCD defender Darragh Corcoran to drive a low cross into the path of Jessi Devers but his first-time effort went narrowly past the right-hand post.

A minute later, UCD should have extended their lead. Galway United keeper Kevin Horgan spilled Crowley's effort but Gareth Coughlan put the ball over the top from six yards out.

Just after the break, UCD extended their lead as Josh Collins' ball found Robert Manley free on the left side of the area and he coolly converted.

Galway almost responded straight away as Gary Kinneen's goal-bound shot was blocked but the Tribesmen did get back in the game in the 58th minute.

Kinneen was fouled on the edge of the area by Kevin Coffey and Spelman stepped up to turn the penalty home, in off the post.

Four minutes later, any hope of a Galway United comeback were extinguished with a moment of magic from Power. He drove down the left and turned inside Mikey Whelan to rifle his shot into the top corner.

With 20 minutes remaining, UCD made sure of the win when Power was found on the left side of the area by Coughlan and he slid the ball home for his second of the game.

Teams

UCD AFC: Skinner (GK), Coffey (McConville 86), Corcoran, Collins (C), Scales, Crowley (Whelan), Power (McGee), O'Reilly (Ryan 79), Manley (Brennan 75), Coughlan, Byrne.
Subs: Kearns (GK), Whelan, McGee, Hannon.

Galway United: Horgan (GK), Whelan, Kinneen, Conway, Nugent, Spelman, Mullgannon (Connolly 86), Marvesley (O'Walsh Loughlin 81), Devers (Walsh 86), Melody (Murphy 73).
Subs: Buckley (GK), McLean, McHale.

Referee: Alan Carey

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