

UCD made it five wins from their last six league games in The Bradywell on Friday night.



Goals from the excellent Barry McCabe and the in form Dave McMillan secured UCD's first win in Derry since 2007, Kevin Deery scored for the home side.

UCD started well, hoping to avoid a similar score line to one of last season's away games where Derry won 7-0.

McMillan should have scored after just three minutes but blazed his shot over after going one on one with Derry 'keeper Ger Doherty.

Left back Ciaran Nangle then stung Doherty's palms from range. A solid start from Martin Russell's team.

The Boys In Blue took the lead in the 37th minute, Danny Ledwith's perfect through ball looked like it was heading for McMillan, but he let the ball run past him into McCabe's path, and he calmly slid past the advancing Doherty to make it 1-0.

McCabe added quality and energy to the UCD midfield, his goal a perfect example of this.



Long range specialist Danny Ledwith almost made it 2-0 just before half time but his shot went

over.

Martin Russell had not even taken his seat on the bench for the 2nd half when UCD went 2-0 up. McMillan finished brilliantly after Benson's perfect pass. The goal scored just 20 seconds after the restart.

UCD were on top and Ledwith's shot was saved, McMillan should have scored again from the resulting corner but headed over.

Then Derry got a goal back. Kevin Deery scoring after UCD had failed to clear a corner, that in the 52 minute.

McMillan had another effort similar to his goal but Doherty saved.

UCD 'keeper Ger Barron did well to race from his line on a number of occasions to snuff out Derry danger. Barron making his first start since a bad toe injury in March will have been happy with his night's work, but he and the UCD defence needed to hold out.

Conor Murphy shot over for Derry. The UCD back four of Hughie Douglas, Mick Leahy, David O'Connor and Ciaran Nangle were dependable when needed, but were far less busier than they had been in the 0-0 draw in The Brandywell earlier in the season.

Derry missed a guilt edged chance to get a point with the last kick of the game, Stuart Greacan volleyed wide from inside the six yard box when he really should have scored.

But UCD held out to win and now sit ten points ahead of bottom side Dundalk and two points above 10th placed Bray Wanderers.

UCD host Bohemians next Friday night in The Bowl at 7.45pm before going to Richmond Park to play St. Pats the following Monday.

Derry City: Gerard Doherty; Dermot McCaffrey, Shane McEleney, Stewart Greacen, Barry Molloy (c); Marc Brolly (Michael Duffy 73), Barry McNamee, Ruaidhri Higgins (Kevin Deery 46), Owen Morrison (Conor Murphy 52); Mark Farren; David McDaid

UCD: Ger Barron; Hugh Douglas, Mick Leahy, David O'Connor, Ciaran Nangle; Dean Clarke (James Kavanagh 88), Paul O'Connor, Robbie Benson (Graham Rusk 88), Barry McCabe, Daniel Ledwith; David McMillan.