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UCD picked up a massive three points at Belfield on Friday night with a 2-0 win over Galway. The Students were on top before the break, but they were limited to half-chances. They pushed on in the second-half, as they edge ever closer to the First Division title. Daire O'Connor gave them the lead from close range, before Yoyo Mahdy finished an exquisite move.

The result keeps The Students five clear at the top of the table, with a trip to bottom of the table Athlone to come next weekend. Galway had a big chance to take the lead in the fifth minute, but Eoin McCormack's penalty was well saved by Conor Kearns.

The UCD keeper got down low to his right to push it away, after McCormack had been fouled to win the spot-kick. Neil Farrugia hit the post for The Students in the seventeenth minute. O'Connor and Mahdy were involved in the build-up, but the striker's effort came back off the near up-right.

Farrugia had the best of the other chances in the half. He put one shot from the edge of the box inches wide, before blasting over from fifteen yards. The visitors were being limited to attacks on the break in the opening half. The first goal arrived ten minutes after the break.

Farrugia got on the end of an O'Connor cross from the left. His effort was blocked, but the ball

fell perfectly for O'Connor to blast home from five yards. And the lead was doubled just after the hour.

Farrugia collected a long ball. He cut inside, and played a one-two with Mahdy. Farrugia could have pulled the trigger himself, but he instead chose to square it to Mahdy, who could finish to the empty net. It was a real top drawer goal, worthy of any team which wants to win this division.