



UCD may have already won two intervarsity competitions in 2010 but UCD's start to the Collingwood Cup was ultimately successful but it was clear that there is more left in the tank. NUI Maynooth provided the opposition on day one of the premier University competition. UCD went north, Derry, to defend the trophy they won in Cork in last year's competition. Maynooth came out of the starting blocks with high intensity and lots of spirit which coupled with UCD's lackluster start conspired to give Maynooth the opportunity to take the lead. Maynooth seized this combination of events and took a surprise lead. Drifting a free kick into the UCD penalty box looked comfortable for UCD custodian, Ger Barron, until he was knocked in the air and came crashing to the ground, minus the ball and gaining an unfortunate concussion. The loose ball was swept into the back of the net and UCD went one nil down. Barron left the field to be replaced by Mark McGinlay making his Collingwood Cup debut. As the half wore on UCD began to show their superiority when David McMillan finished expertly to bring UCD back into the game. The Maynooth defense could not deal the UCD frontman's movement and McMillan was not about to wait around for them to catch up. While Maynooth were struggling to get to grips with McMillan they appeared to forget about Sean Houston who sent UCD into the lead with another fine finish that left the Maynooth keeper with no chance. UCD increased their dominance of the game in the second half but were unable to add to their goal tally. The Belfield side finished the match as the better side but will have to improve dramatically if they wish to send UCC home in the next match of this hectic competition. UCD: Barron, Kelly, Leahy, O'Connor, Timmons, Creevy, McMahan, McMillan, Falconer, Houston Subs: McGinlay for Barron (40), Fallon for Creevy (60), McCabe for Matthews (65)