

UCD AFC put 5 goals past IT Tallaght on Tuesday afternoon.



UCD AFC came from behind to fire 5 goals past IT Tallaght in Belfield on Tuesday in the latest round of fixtures in the Colleges and Universities Football League. Two goals from Paul Corry, and one each from Robbie Murray, Tyrone McNelis and Sean Buckley gave the Belfield Students the 3 points.

The strong wind made conditions difficult for both sides as they struggled to get the ball under control and create any meaningful chances. As the minutes ticked by UCD gained the upper hand and started to move the ball along the deck with greater efficiency than their opponents. It was clear a goal was on the way but when it arrived it was the visiting side that snatched it.

With the ball seemingly under control David O'Connor and Mark McGinley got themselves mixed up and the ITT striker pounced to place the ball into the empty net. The shock of going a goal behind did not perturb the UCD Students too much as they set about getting back on level terms.

UCD threw everything at the Tallaght rearguard and created chance after chance. Paul Corry, Robbie Benson, Stiofain Sexton, David O'Connor and Tyrone McNelis all found themselves in front of goal but faced with an inspired keeper and a huge slice of luck they failed to break the defence.

With the half time whistle on the horizon it looked as if the second 45 minutes would be all UCD had to find an equaliser. As the half edged towards an end Robbie Benson popped up with a moment of magic to give UCD the opportunity to get level. His jinking run into the box was halted abruptly and the referee pointed to the spot. Paul Corry stepped up and placed the ball beyond the despairing dive of the keeper.

One all at the break masked a half that UCD dominated from start to finish and by rights should have been several goals to the good. As it was there was only one goal in the difference and UCD would have to produce more of the same in the second half if they were to get the go ahead goal.

UCD's wide men were causing all sorts of problems as their pace was too much for the visiting side to deal with. One such foray resulted in a UCD free kick. Paul Corry stepped up and looked to cement his burgeoning reputation as a dead ball specialist with a stunning effort that gave the keeper no chance. In all honesty the wind provided the stunning effort but it was Corry that got the ball moving.

UCD had the lead they deserved and looked to press forward and further their advantage. Tyrone McNelis was dominating the left hand side of UCD's attack and his overall work rate was worthy of a goal. That goal came when goal scorer supreme, Paul Corry, turned provider, when he split the defence and McNelis was first to the through ball. His finish left the keeper with no chance and UCD 2 goals to the good.

McNelis then took a leaf out of Corry's book and turned provider himself. Having been set off down the wing by substitute Sean Buckley, he pulled a ball back across the face of the goal and Robbie Murray was waiting to side foot home another UCD goal.

Sean Buckley then got in on the act and completed the scoring when he headed home a Michael Whelan corner. It was no less than UCD deserved as they recorded their second three points of the campaign.

UCD AFC: McGinley, Langtry, Boyle, O'Connor, Fallon, McNelis, Corry (Buckley), McCabe, Doyle, Benson (Murray), Sexton (Whelan)