

UCD AFC played out a 1-1 draw with DIT in Belfield.



UCD bowed out of the Colleges and Universities League competition following a 1-1 draw with DIT in Belfield. A second half goal from Niall Hanley rescued a point for the home side.

It was a much changed side that took to the field with many players feeling they had something to prove. The personnel may have been changed but UCD continued to play attractive attacking football where possible with Cormac O'Brolchain and Tristan Dent bringing the ball out of defence to put the DIT team under pressure.

The open nature of the game suited both sides and chances began to present themselves with neither team taking full advantage. DIT sprang forward on several occasions and were unlucky to see their efforts miss the target. UCD's attacking football nearly bore fruit on several occasions but clinical finishing was eluding UCD's front two. Alan Sutton and Brian O'Brolchain both found themselves in good positions but could not find the target.

DIT shaded things in the first half but it was UCD that got the better of their visitors in the second half. Although the scoreline begged to differ for the early parts of the second half. DIT pounced on a loose ball in the middle of the park and slid the ball through the UCD defence. The striker rounded Barber to put DIT 1-0 ahead.

UCD looked unfazed at the concession of a surprise goal and continued to play the better football. Brian O'Brolchain smashed another effort across goal and midfield lynch pin Gary O'Toole saw a well struck free kick saved. UCD got the goal they deserved as a result of hard work from O'Brolchain and a fine header at the back post from Niall Hanley. UCD finished the game on the front foot but DIT held on to register a point.

UCD AFC: Barber, O'Neill, Dent, C O'Brolchain, Keogh, McErlane, O'Toole, Buckley (O'Brien), Connolly (Hanley), B O'Brolchain, Sutton (Sexton)