

UCD AFC took home the Freshers Colours Trophy beating Trinity in College Park.

Freshers Colours



Wednesday 1

When it comes to Colours matches determination often wins the day and this was on full show in College Park on Wednesday afternoon as UCD AFC took the Freshers Colours Trophy back to Belfield. A dogged performance was enough to see off a strong Trinity side as a solitary Ross King goal separated the sides come the final whistle.

UCD began the game well and look to attack Trinity down the flanks. Rory Giles and Niall Barrett looked to have the beating of their opposition early on and sent a number of threatening balls into the box, which UCD failed to capitalise on. It was, however, one of these threatening balls that broke the home side's resistance after ten minutes. Ross King found himself in space in the box as he collected a cross. Quick feet took him away from his defender and he slid the ball under the keeper to give the Belfield side a deserved lead.

Trinity then took a hold of proceedings and put their visitors under severe pressure. Bill Phelan, in the UCD goal, needed to be on his toes to preserve UCD's slender lead. The imposing

number 1 pulled off one impressive save as it looked as though Trinity had dragged themselves back into the game.

The second half started as the first half had ended with Trinity dominating proceedings but failing to break through UCD's defensive line. Caolan Cullen, Patrick Brett and Ryan McLaughlin somehow managed to get their head on the end of every threatening ball and invited Trinity to try again and again.

The end result was always the same and UCD held on in desperation to secure the first intervarsity trophy of the new year.

**UCD AFC:** Phelan, Brett, Naughton, Cullen, McLaughlin, O'Neill (Boland), Giles (Byrne), Murray, King (Miller), Suen, Barrett (Vermeulen)