

Mick Leahy's Diary of his Collingwood Cup



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# **The Diary of a Captain**

With Mick Leahy

Mick Leahy is a veteran of UCD Collingwood Cup squads, get a glimpse behind the scenes with UCD AFC's Club captain. Airtricity League means nothing in the world of University football.

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Day 1:

Arrived down in Limerick around 8pm last night. The journey down was a chance for the LSL lads and the first-team lads to get to know each other a bit better, with most of us not having a chance to play or spend much time together during the year. After checking-in to our rooms, headed down for dinner. I'm rooming with Mark Langtry for the week and the lads have dubbed us the 'best-looking' room in the group. To Mark McGinley's disappointment, there was no chips or pizza on the menu for dinner. Usually these trips involve a lot of Fifa tournaments to pass the time, but since nobody brought a playstation, the game of the week is board game 'Articulate'. Surprisingly enjoyable, a competitive game ensued last night, with a team of Danny Fallon, Baz McCabe, myself and DOC coming out on top against Cillian Morrison, Niall Wright and Tristan.

Got up this morning around 8.30am for a stretch in the gym. Met the other lads at breakfast at 9.30. Barry and Danny Fallon, knowing that we wouldn't be eating again til after the match, had ordered breakfast in bed at 7.30 so they could use breakfast at 9.30 as their pre-match meal. To everyone's amusement, someone had altered the breakfast card on their door during the night. The lads, none the wiser, blamed the poor service at the hotel for the service failure.

After breakfast, I went up to Tony's room (physio) for some treatment on my quad, which helped get me through the match. This was followed by a pre-match team meeting at the hotel, with Maccer and Sherro combining to make one of their legendary Collingwood speeches.

The match against DCU was tightly contested. I was very impressed by some of the younger LSL lads performances, having never seen some of them play before. Overall it was a good team performance. Good play from Tyrone and Mark Langtry led to our equalizer 10mins from time. In the penalty shootout, Mark McGinley was superb, saving 5 pens to take us through to the quarter-finals tomorrow against Maynooth. Despite McGinley's heroics, Danny Fallon gave his daily MOM to Mark Langtry for his 'fierce performance.' Post-game we headed straight back to the hotel for a recovery session in the pool and jacuzzi.

Mick