

Collingwood Cup 2014 Comes to a Close

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The 100th year of the Collingwood Cup produced a first victory for NUI Maynooth.



UCD AFC crashed out of the Collingwood Cup in the first round, losing to eventual winners NUI Maynooth. In a tight game, played in blustery conditions, UCD dominated for the majority of the game but could not change their superiority into goals. At the other end of the field, Maynooth had two genuine chances and grabbed both. Maynooth grabbed the lead through John

McKoewn, who's corner drifted straight into the back of the net. UCD pulled themselves back into the game through a Dean Clarke strike. The stage was set for UCD to push on but it was not to be as again they fell behind to a determined Maynooth side. This time Shane Hoare towered above the Belfield students' defence to crash a header into the back of the net. UCD were out and Maynooth had their sights firmly set on winning their first ever Collingwood Cup.

Next up for Maynooth they defeated UCC in the semi final 2-0 before they squared up with NUI Galway in the final. The UCD Bowl played host to a cracking advertisement for University football that was broadcast live on Setanta Sports, the first time the television cameras have been in the UCD Bowl for a live game since Shamrock Rovers last lifted the Airtricity League title.

Maynooth raced into an early lead when Niall Lanigan placed a perfect header into the back of the net after five minutes. Conor Mahony then popped up in the box to place another cracking header into the back of the Galway net. The game was presented with an exciting ending when, with five minutes to go, Micky Creane popped up with a screamer, worthy of any final. Unfortunately it was not enough and NUI Maynooth celebrated their first ever victory in a Collingwood Cup Final.

