

UCD AFC notched up another 3 points following a 2-0 win over Ringsend Rovers.



UCD AFC's Leinster Senior League Saturday Major 1A side continued their good early season form with a hard fought win over Ringsend Rovers in Irishtown on Friday night. Goals in either half from Brian O'Brolchain and Lorcan Glancy combined with solid team defending ensured UCD left with all three points.

UCD began the game on the front foot and attempted to settle into a passing rhythm but this did not materialise as poor execution and intense pressure from Ringsend forced UCD to concede possession in dangerous areas. Ringsend began to dominate the game and UCD had Barber in goal to thank for keeping the scores level. Ringsend's first chance arrived from a through ball that split the defence and as Barber came out to close the striker down he could only watch as the ball sailed over his head and thankfully over the bar as well. Ringsend poured forward again buoyed by UCD's lacklustre start. Barber was called into action again when a strike from outside the box flew towards the top corner only for the young custodian to deflect it over with an outstretched palm.

UCD steadied the ship and began to create chances of their own with Colm Daly taking every opportunity to get quality balls into the box. It was a precision ball from the left hand side that set Brian O'Brolchain away and he showed his increasing talent for goalscoring when he rolled the ball under the keeper to give the Students an undeserved half time lead.

Ringsend's physical approach lead to the departure of Mark O'Callaghan through injury, replaced by Lorcan Glancy. Gary O'Toole was next to make way as the referee took exception to a couple of poorly timed tackles, substituted for his own good following a yellow card.

UCD started the second half with more organisation and a determination to restrict the home side's attacking bite. Craig Sargeant increased the physical presence in the UCD side and he was involved in challenging for a ball in the centre of the park that fell to Lorcan Glancy. Without hesitation he smacked a right footed effort into the back of the net from all of 30 yards.

UCD dropped deep as Ringsend pushed further players forward to salvage something from the game. UCD stood firm in the face of the aerial assault and had a Paul Curtin goal line clearance to thank for preserving the clean sheet as the game wound to a close.

Ryan McErlane, reveling in his midfield role, burst forward with minutes remaining and beat three defenders to find himself one on one with the keeper before slicing his goal bound attempt well wide. Barber was once again called on in the last minute of the game to make a point blank save that ensured all three points made their way to Belfield.

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UCD AFC: Barber, O'Neill, Davey, Bourke, Curtin, Daly, O'Toole (Sargeant), McErlane, O'Callaghan (Glancy), Byrne (Connolly), O'Brolchain