

UCD AFC overcame TEK United in the LSL Sunday Division.



LSL Senior 1 Sunday

UCD AFC made it 4 games unbeaten as they continued their good run in the Leinster Senior League Senior 1 Sunday Division. TEK were the opposition on Sunday morning and another hard fought game for the Students saw them come out on top, 3-2. Goals from Brian O'Brolchain, Eoin Roche and Kieran Harte cancelled out TEK's two efforts and secured a valuable away three points.

The game was only a couple of minutes old when UCD were dealt a blow. In fact it was a blow to the head, to one of the wisest heads, and it required stitches. UCD replaced James Timmons with John Bourke and looked to put the early set back behind them and take the game to their opponents.

Brian O'Brolchain showed great intent early on and TEK were lucky to escape. O'Brolchain found himself on the end of an Eion Roche cross but he couldn't take full advantage as the hosts were let off the hook. With twenty minutes gone UCD had the lead. It was that man O'Brolchain who broke the deadlock. Tyrone McNelis was played straight through the home

defence and in the clear. He advanced on the keeper before squaring the ball to O'Brolchain who passed the ball into the empty net.

UCD were having great joy down the wings and should have pressed home their advantage as the half wore on. Roche and McNelis were causing their opposing full backs plenty of trouble. With a couple of centre backs missing in the UCD ranks, Hugh Davey was moved into the centre of the Students defence. He went on a marauding run that should have been rewarded with a better ball from O'Brolchain but his delivery wasn't up to scratch and Davey was left to make the trip back to position minus a goal.

UCD looked to be heading to the half time with a deserved lead when TEK sprung a surprise attack and drew themselves level. Eric Barber was brave coming for a drilled ball into the UCD box, unfortunately his punch landed at the feet of TEK's dangerman and he finished expertly past UCD's stranded custodian.

The second half saw UCD regain the ascendancy and again looked to press home their advantage on the wings. Eoin Roche was turning into UCD's main attacking player as his brand of trickery and pin point delivery looked to put UCD out of sight. TEK stood firm though and kept the score even.

Kieran Harte had a header from a corner blocked on the line, the suspicion of hand ball was waved away by the referee and UCD set about creating another goalscoring chance. UCD

didn't have to wait long as Eoin Roche found himself in a great position to notch UCD's second and he did just that. Great build up play from Kieran Harte and John Bourke created a break down the right that resulted in a perfect ball into the middle from Tyrone McNelis. Roche made no mistake.

McNelis was at it again minutes later as he combined with Brian O'Reilly to send UCD's marauding right back into the box. The keeper was left with no option but to take down the UCD flyer and the referee pointed to the spot. Kieran Harte started his birthday celebrations early with a sublime penalty lifted into the top corner of the goal.

The chances continued to come thick and fast as Michael Whelan and Tyrone McNelis took long range pot shots at goal. Both came to nothing but showed UCD's intent to finish the game off. John Bourke, with Mary Mary's lyrics ringing in his ears, through off the shackles and burst into the box to get on the end of an Eoin Roche cross. His header just missed the back post.

TEK for their part did not count themselves out of the contest as they looked to spring attacks on the break. The main TEK striker smashed a ball off the crossbar which served as a warning to UCD's defensive line. The defence were threatened again later and this time it resulted in a TEK goal. Brian O'Reilly was left exposed at the back and a simple ball across the box was placed past the despairing dive of Barber.

The game continued at a frenetic pace as both sides looked for more goals. UCD's defence

stood strong towards the end and saw out the game to add another three points to their rapidly growing total.

UCD AFC: Barber, O'Reilly, Davey, Doyle, Curtin, Timmons (Bourke), Harte, Whelan (Lynagh), McNelis, Roche, O'Brolchain (Sexton)