

UCD AFC played out a goalless draw with Dublin Bus.



UCD AFC and Dublin Bus played out a scoreless draw in the Leinster Senior League Division 1 Sunday. Both sides are pushing for promotion and at the end of a hard fought contest it was clear that either team could have won the game outright but both were happy to leave the field with a point apiece.

UCD began the game on the front foot and Dublin Bus looked content to soak up the pressure and try and hit UCD on the break. Eoin Roche and Michael Whelan were tormenting their opposite numbers on the wings but could not make it tell in the final third as the ball would not fall for a UCD attacker. Dublin Bus for their part caused a number of moments of concern in the UCD defence but they stood firm and reached half time with neither keeper being seriously troubled.

The second half saw more of the same with UCD threatening to take full advantage of their dominance. Eoin Roche saw a mazy dribble stopped just as he was about to pull the trigger, Cormac O'Brolchain's header from a corner flashed just wide and Michael Whelan stung the palms of the visiting keeper with a stunning strike from 25 yards out. The bet chance of the half for UCD fell to goal machine, Niall Daly. The ever dependable striker raced onto a ball over the top and as he waited for it to settle he slid it past the keeper. The delay in controlling the errand ball gave the defender the perfect amount of time to get back and clear as UCD looked certain to have grabbed the lead.

It was not to be and UCD had John Kelly to thank at the other end as he pulled off a stunning save to ensure the scores remained tied at the final whistle.

UCD AFC: Kelly, O'Reilly, O'Brolchain, Dent, Davey, Buckley, Harte, Lynagh, Roche (McNelis), Whelan, Daly