

UCD AFC came out on top in this clash in the LSL Saturday Premier Division.



UCD AFC notched up another 3 points as they put Mid Sutton to the sword on Saturday afternoon. The game ended 4-1 in favour of the Students following two goals from Cormac Suen and one each from Declan Weir and Sean O'Neill. It was an extremely convincing performances from UCD AFC's Leinster Senior League Premier side.

The game started with UCD on the front foot. Intelligent movement and good use of possession lead to several early chances for the Students. Mid Sutton found every attacking opportunity quelled early on and UCD looked to spring forward as Mid Sutton's forays broke down. UCD did not have to wait long to go in front. Sean O'Neill picked out the impressive Declan Weir with a perfectly angled ball, Weir took possession and danced past his opposite number before unleashing an unstoppable shot into the back of the net from outside the box.

UCD could have been two goals to the good minutes later when Ross Beirne eluded his marker and came up with a fine finish, unfortunately the referee ruled the goal out for offside. The minutes ticked towards half time with UCD continuing in the ascendancy but struggling to find the killer touch to put further distance between themselves and their plucky visitors.

The second half was a mirror image of the first and it was only a matter of time before the scoreline began to reflect it. Cormac Suen was introduced in the second half and his impact was immediate. Rory Giles did all the hard work as he eventually placed a pin point ball across the box and Suen was on hand to slot it into an empty net.

The waves of Student attacks continued and the scoreline soon became 3-0 in UCD's favour. Declan Weir was dominating the exchanges in the midfield and one such challenge won possession for the Students in his own half. He sent Niall Barrett scuttling down the wing and Barrett's cross found Suen unmarked in the box and he finished coolly for his second of the game.

Mid Sutton continued to press and force UCD back but they were dealt a killer blow when the referee pointed to the spot. Niall Barrett was in inspired form on the wing and as he advanced into the box he was tripped and gravity took hold as he hit terra firma. The Mid Sutton players were incensed as the referee pointed to the spot, the visiting team believing the foul occurred outside the box. With the commotion behind them Sean O'Neill stepped up and made no mistake with his penalty.

Mid Sutton continued to stick to their attacking principles and eventually got some reward for their endeavour. With UCD looking to add to their goal haul Mid Sutton caught them on the break. The lively striker found himself one on one with Moriarty in the UCD goal and he made no mistake to secure a consolation for the visitors.

UCD took the warning in their stride and shut up shop for the remaining minutes of what was an absorbing encounter between two teams intent on playing attacking football.

UCD AFC: Morrison, P Barrett, McGovern, Miller (Breen), Naughton, Giles, O'Neill, Weir, N Barrett (Vermeulen), Beirne (Suen), McLaughlin