

Larkview Boys 1-5 UCD AFC - LSL Saturday Premier



Saturday Premier

UCD continued their perfect start to the season and went six wins from six with a win away to Larkview Boys in their LSL Premier Saturday game.

On a cold afternoon, UCD started very brightly and went 1-0 up within the opening minutes. Niall McLoughlin showed good skill and a great turn of pace to beat his man down the line and whip in a great ball which Adam Muldowney finished superbly on the turn.

Not content with their lead UCD pushed on and were awarded a penalty when Luke Dunne was taken down in the box. Brian Reilly dispatched with ease for UCD to go 2-0 up.

Once more Niall McLoughlin had the beating of his man down the right wing and put in another great ball across the six yard box to leave Brian Reilly with a tap in.

After the blistering start which saw UCD go 3-0 up inside 15 minutes, the game began to settle down. Luke Dunne and Joe Keohane took control of the midfield and allowed UCD to dictate the tempo of the game and settle into their usual passing game despite the condition of the pitch.

Coming towards the end of the half Larkview got a corner which was only half cleared and the ball broke to their striker but Oisín Geoghegan got down very well at his feet to deny the chance.

Larkview continued to push for a goal right up until the halftime whistle and in the dying moments a through ball put their striker through one on one, but Geoghegan did well to close the angle and force the striker to put his shot wide.

UCD looked to start the second half just as they did with the first half and McLoughlin played a nice through ball to Reilly only for the keeper to get down well to make a save before the ball struck the post and was cleared away.

Joe Keohane then looked to take the game into his own hands with a snapshot from 25 yards that looked destined for the bottom corner only for the Larkview keeper to make a good save and push the ball around the post.

The game took a turn when Larkview broke down the right wing and an inviting ball to the back post was finished off with a diving header to make it 3-1 and give Larkview a glimmer of hope going into the last half an hour.

In a week with some crazy results in the Carling Cup, UCD looked to put the game beyond doubt when Mark Murnaghan played Niall McLoughlin through one on one with the keeper who made a great save and the rebound fell to Luke Dunne who finished it off into the empty net.

With about 15 minutes to go Larkview pushed forward and their winger put in another inviting cross that was flicked on at the near post and the player coming in at the back post took one touch and took a volley that looked destined for the net only for a great save by Oisín to keep UCD in the driving seat.

McLoughlin played his part once again in the fifth goal with his fourth assist of the day when he played Luke Dunne in who calmly finished it off to cap another win for UCD to put the top of the table with three games in hand of Garda and a game in hand of Clondalkin Celtic.

UCD AFC team: Geoghegan, Ferry, Bourke, Breen (Moran), Keaney, Hartman (Murnaghan), Keohane, Dunne, Muldowney, McLoughlin, Reilly (Boland)