

UCD took on Blackrock College in a thrilling Leinster Senior League Saturday Premier 1 fixture.



UCD AFC's Leinster Senior League Saturday Premier 1 team played out a thrilling 5-5 draw with Blackrock College on Saturday. The treacherous conditions under foot ensured a game littered with mistakes would give up many chances and so it proved to be.

UCD flew out of the traps and were ahead early on thanks to a wonder strike from Thomas O'Brien. His stunning free kick made a mockery of the difficult conditions as it flew into the top corner. Stiofain Sexton added to the lead finishing smartly after latching onto a through ball from Kevin Dunne. Darren Muldowney's inswinging corner caused hte 'Rock keeper all sorts of trouble as he eventually bundled the ball into his own goal.

Blackrock were awarded a penalty in the closing minutes of the first half when John Finnegan was judged to have brought down the opposing striker. Finnegan was left with no chance from the spot kick and they were further aided in their comeback as sloppy defending from a corner lead to the ball being bundled over the UCD line and The Students deficit had been reduced to one going into the second half.

The second half started with 'Rock clawing themselves level courtesy of a tight offside call. The onrushing striker took advantage of the referees blind spot and gathered the ball before finishing past Finnegan. Both sides exchanged penalties as Sexton got on the mark for UCD before the referee awarded another penalty to the home side as the physical nature of the game approached WWE levels in the box.

Former Blackrock College student, Alan Sutton got his name on the score sheet slotting the ball under the keeper from a cutback in the box. The three points looked safe until 'Rock grabbed a late equaliser when the home side's midfielder broke ranks and finished neatly past Finnegan and the game finished 5-5.

UCD: Finnegan, Mullumby, Dent, Oliver, Keogh, Dunne (Ogunffwora), O'Brien, Hanley, Muldowney, Sexton, Sutton