

UCD AFC should have taken all three points from their clash with Postal United.



LSL Senior 1

UCD AFC picked up another point in the Leinster Senior League Sunday Senior 1 Division, following a 2-2 draw with Postal United. UCD dominated for long periods of the game but could not find the killer touch to turn their dominance into goals. Two second half goals from Sean Buckley and Steve Dillon ensured UCD came back from two goals down to snatch a draw.

UCD began the game on the front foot and took the game to their opposition from the off. Clever one touch play was a feature of the Students attack and it was paying dividends, as time and again UCD broke the home defensive line and looked to take an early lead. Niall Daly twice benefitted from some excellent build up but his efforts went skywards first and then narrowly missed the post.

Kieran Harte, Niall Daly, Tyrone McNelis and Ryan McErlane broke the Postal resistance to send Brian McDonald free but again the UCD player fluffed his lines, minutes later Tyrone McNelis found himself one on one with the keeper but sent his shot straight at the keeper when rounding him might have been easier. McNelis then had another great chance from a corner but

he could not move his dancing hips into position to get a proper shot on target.

In between these UCD onslaughts, Postal somehow managed to grab a lead. Holding firm in the face of constant attack and riding their luck they kept the score at 0-0, managing to break up the other end on occasion. One of these attacks saw a second ball not defended properly and the Postal striker was the first to react knocking it past Kelly in the UCD goal.

The second half saw more of the same as the Postal keeper put in a credible nomination for man of the match. He pulled off some super saves to ensure Postal held onto their lead. UCD rang the changes in the hope of altering the scoreline but the next change in score put UCD further behind.

Kieran Harte left the pitch for the first time before the 90 minute mark all season and his calming influence was lacking as UCD conspired to send themselves 2 goals behind. Hugh Davey, a rock at the back all season, left his keeper short with a back pass and the Postal number 9 made no mistake.

Two goals down and dominating the game was a strange position for UCD to be in but they kept on battling and the rewards eventually came. Sean Buckley, taking the place of Kieran Harte, smashed a shot from outside the box and a wicked deflection took it past the Postal number 1. It was no more than UCD deserved and somewhat ironic in the manner of scoring as it did not reflect the quality of play that had gone before.

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With the bit between the teeth again, UCD cantered forward determined to grab an equaliser. When it came it was in no small thanks to the intervention of the linesman. Steve Dillon found himself in nose bleed territory and with a rush of blood to his right foot he smashed an effort goalwards. The ball cannoned towards the goal and according to the linesman, across the line, much to the chagrin of the home side.

Stiofain Sexton nearly sent all three points back to Belfield with a shot that narrowly missed the post. It wasn't to be as UCD dominated from start to finish but could not find the crucial winning goal.

UCD AFC: Kelly, O'Reilly, Dillon, Dent, Davey, McErlane (Sexton), Harte (Buckley), Lynagh, McNelis, McDonald (Roche), Daly