

**Congratulations to our Leinster Senior League Senior Sunday side on retaining their Senior Sunday status after another brilliant season. Diarmuid McNally and Tony Sheridan have done an exceptional job keeping the side in the top Leinster Senior League division for the third season.□**



Some people may question whether it is an achievement to stay in the league, however the quality of the league is evident considering that a number of the sides they face every week knocked League of Ireland sides out of the cup competitions last season. The gap between the First Division and the Leinster Senior League appears to be narrowing making it more difficult to retain our status with each year that goes by.

Our status was finally secured last Sunday morning, when Home Farm visited league leaders Bluebell United needing to win to stay in the hunt to be able to catch us. Despite taking the lead in the first half, two late second half goals, including one with the last kick of the game handed Bluebell the victory, as well as handing us our survival.

Diarmuid McNally's side faced Killester United on Sunday afternoon, and despite having their safety secured were determined not to let up as we chase our record points total in the division. Early goals from Conor Cannon and Mark Boland set us well on our way to clinch the victory, and Conor Cannon secured the win late in the second half adding his second of the game.

McNally's side had a brilliant start to the season, picking up twelve points from their opening five games, with wins over St Pats CY, Home Farm, Crumlin United and Greystones United. However the winter blues soon set in, as they picked up just 4 points from their next eight games. Wins against St Mochtas, Tolka Rovers, Home Farm, and Killester United in the closing

stages of the season as well as a vital point against title chasing Bluebell United helped to pull us away from the chasing pack.

Overall it has been another impressive season, which saw us reach the last 16 of the FAI Intermediate Cup where we narrowly lost out to Bluebell United after a 1-0 defeat in the replay after the first game ended in a 0-0 draw. Usually qualifying for the last 16 would have seen our LSL side play in the Irish Daily Mail FAI Cup, however due to competition rules we are not permitted to have two sides in the competition.

We would like to congratulate Diarmuid, Tony, Ger and their team on another brilliant achievement and wish them the best of luck in their final game on the season as they make the short trip to face Firhouse Clover, with kick off in Tallaght IT at 7pm.

Tristan Dent has been named the UCD AFC Intermediate Player of the Year.