

Kick-off: 7.45pm, Eamonn Deacy Park, Friday 12th May 2018



Friday night sees us on the road again for our third away game in a row as we face a trip west and a tough test against fellow promotion chasers Galway United. Last week saw Gary O'Neill score a late deflected shot from the edge of the box to secure a 1-1 draw against Shelbourne, while Monday night saw us come away from Ferrycarrig Park with a huge 8-0 win to break our all-time record for a league win. Speaking ahead of Friday night's game, Collie O'Neill is expecting a difficult challenge against a strong Galway United side who will be determined to bounce back from the disappointment of their defeat against Finn Harps on Monday night.

"Friday night is going to be a tough game for us against Galway. They will be disappointed with the result from Monday night and they will be looking to bounce straight back and narrow the gap at the top once more."

This time of year is always difficult for us, as the UCD end of year exams started on Tuesday putting the players under increased pressure. Collie knows the difficulty his side face, however is determined to keep the performances up as we look to keep our good form going. Monday's win over Wexford saw us extend our lead at the top of the table to five points.

"Games at this time of year for us are always tricky, the lads are in the middle of exams and that usually plays a big part. However, we are in good form coming into the game and have a five point lead at the top of the table."

"Monday saw us record our all-time record league win with a brilliant 8-0 victory over Wexford. We played brilliantly and we were extremely clinical with the chances we created, however we know that Friday is going to be a different test against a strong Galway side in Eamonn Deacy Park."

Collie has a number of injuries to contend with for Friday's game as Timmy Molloy (knee), Neil Farrugia (Collarbone), Evan Osam (thigh) and Greg Sloggett (hamstring) will all continue to miss out. However he will be boosted by the return of Georgie Kelly from suspension after he missed the game against Wexford on Monday night.

Injured: Timmy Molloy (knee), Neil Farrugia (broken collarbone), Evan Osam (thigh), Greg Sloggett (hamstring)

Doubtful: None

Suspended: None

This seasons scorers (all competitions):

9 – Georgie Kelly

6 – Yoyo Mahdy, Gary O'Neill

4 – Jason McClelland

2 – Timmy Molloy, Liam Scales

1 – Josh Collins, Maxi Kouogun, Greg Sloggett, Ben Hanrahan