

Kick-off: 7.45pm, UCD Bowl, Friday 19th May 2018



After a 2-0 defeat last Friday night against fellow promotion chasers Galway United, we are back in First Division action as Athlone Town are the visitors to the UCD Bowl. Collie O'Neill's side will be looking to bounce straight back after last week's defeat and he knows his side are going to have to improve if they are to pick up the three points.

"After last week's disappointment, we are back at the UCD Bowl on Friday night and will be looking to bounce straight back. Galway are a very good side and really went for the game right from the off and made it very difficult for us. They were the better side on the night, so we can't really argue with the result."

"However, Friday is a big one for us, and it is important that we bounce back with a good performance and a positive result to keep our lead at the top of the table as we enter the final few games before the mid-season break.

This will be the third time we have faced Athlone this season, after we came out on top as 3-1 winners in the league encounter back in March thanks to two goals from Georgie Kelly and one from Yoyo Mahdy. We also faced them in the first round of the EA Sports Cup where we emerged with a 2-0 victory thanks to goals from Timmy Molloy and Yoyo Mahdy.

Collie has received an injury boost ahead of Friday's game as Timmy Molloy (knee), Evan Osam (thigh) and Greg Sloggett (hamstring) have all returned to full training and are likely to

feature in Friday's match squad. Neil Farrugia has also received the all clear to return to training after his long lay off with a broken collarbone, however it is likely to be after the break before he is fully fit to return to action.

Injured: Neil Farrugia (broken collarbone)

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