

UCD continued their fine recent form as they beat Bohemians 1-0 at Belfield on Monday night.

The only goal of the game arrived inside ten minutes, as Yoyo Mahdy's superb strike gave James Talbot no chance. Bohs dominated for large swathes of the game, but their large traveling support ultimately headed back over the Liffey frustrated by a fruitless night.

UCD took the lead with the first shot of the game. Mahdy battled for possession with James Finnerty before unleashing one from 30 yards. Talbot didn't get near it as it flew into the top left corner for his fifth league goal of the season.

It was a good spell for UCD, and Jason McClelland forced James Talbot into a save after stealing a loose Mandriou ball across the middle of the park, and unleashing a shot from a similar area to Mahdy's goal. From there, the visitors began to get into the game. Mandriou flashed one wide from a tight angle, before Kevin Devaney missed a glorious chance to equalise. He got on the end of Keith Ward's dangerous low cross, but Conor Kearns did all he could to narrow the angle, and he made the save.

Finnerty then went on a run which brought him from the edge of his own box to the UCD goal, with the help of a one-two with Devaney. His shot from a tight angle was comfortably saved by Kearns. Ward then had a big opportunity to bring the sides level shortly after the break. He was played through, and got between the College defenders, but under pressure, his chip was pushed away by Kearns.

## **Mahdy Secures Three Points!**

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A couple of minutes later, Ward turned provider as he crossed for Luke Slater. But the ball had that bit too much pace on it, and he couldn't direct the header home. In second-half injury time, Conor Kearns got down low to keep a Leahy header out. A good night for Collie O'Neill as his team move three points clear of Finn Harps.

UCD Team: Kearns, Tobin, Dignam, McEvoy, Farrell, Keaney, Doyle, O'Farrell, McClelland, Kinsella-Bishop, Mahdy