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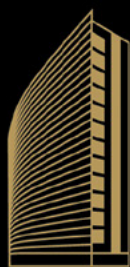
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Welcome to UCD for tonight's crucial game in the SSE Airtricity League First Division.

It has been a good start for the Students, with eight points from their first four games, and Galwegians will have noted that Donal Higgins was among the goals for Andy Myler's men last weekend, in an impressive 4-1 win over Cabinteely.

We also wish former United underage player Adam Farrell all the best at UCD this season.

It has been an underwhelming start for United and we have been especially ineffective in the first half of all of our games. We were second-best against Shelbourne, 3-0 down against Athlone and 1-0 in arrears to Limerick at the break.

On the plus side, the changes John Caulfield made showed the depth of the squad, and there was plenty of spirit shown to get an unlikely draw against a decent Treaty side last weekend.

Much of that chat this week has been about a proposed European Super League. The Premier League's big-six clubs - Manchester United, Manchester City, Liverpool, Arsenal, Chelsea and Tottenham - were all due to be involved.

AC Milan, Arsenal, Atletico Madrid, Chelsea, Barcelona, Inter Milan, Juventus, Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United, Real Madrid and Tottenham Hotspur have all joined as 'Founding Clubs'.

It was anticipated a further three clubs will join ahead of the inaugural season, which, according to the clubs, was "intended to commence as soon as practicable".

German giants Bayern Munich and Borussia Dortmund were not included and nor were French champions Paris Saint-Germain. Nor were Galway United.

As of Tuesday evening, Chelsea were preparing to withdraw, as were Manchester City. It all seems to be falling apart. Perhaps this was a power-play from the big clubs to get more of what they want; perhaps they never really intended on taking part in a Super League, or not in the near future.

Football has for much of its existence been a working-class game. The ticket prices to get into big games in certain countries now, including England, are in danger of taking it away from the working class. The pandemic has meant that football has had to rely on revenue that did not involve people attending.

It was thus encouraging to see the reaction of fans across England who roundly rejected the idea of the Super League. They may support Manchester United and Liverpool but they are little different from you or I: they support their local team through thick and thicker, or in our case thin and thinner.

We can feel a real sense of detachment from all of this, given the realities of life in the League of Ireland, but we can feel a bit of pride too that we are grounded in reality, and that fans are what matter in the game here, and that we want them back very soon.

It's a redundant thing to say but true to say: there will not be many easy games for United this season. Already, this has become evident. Tonight is another big one.

Enjoy the game.



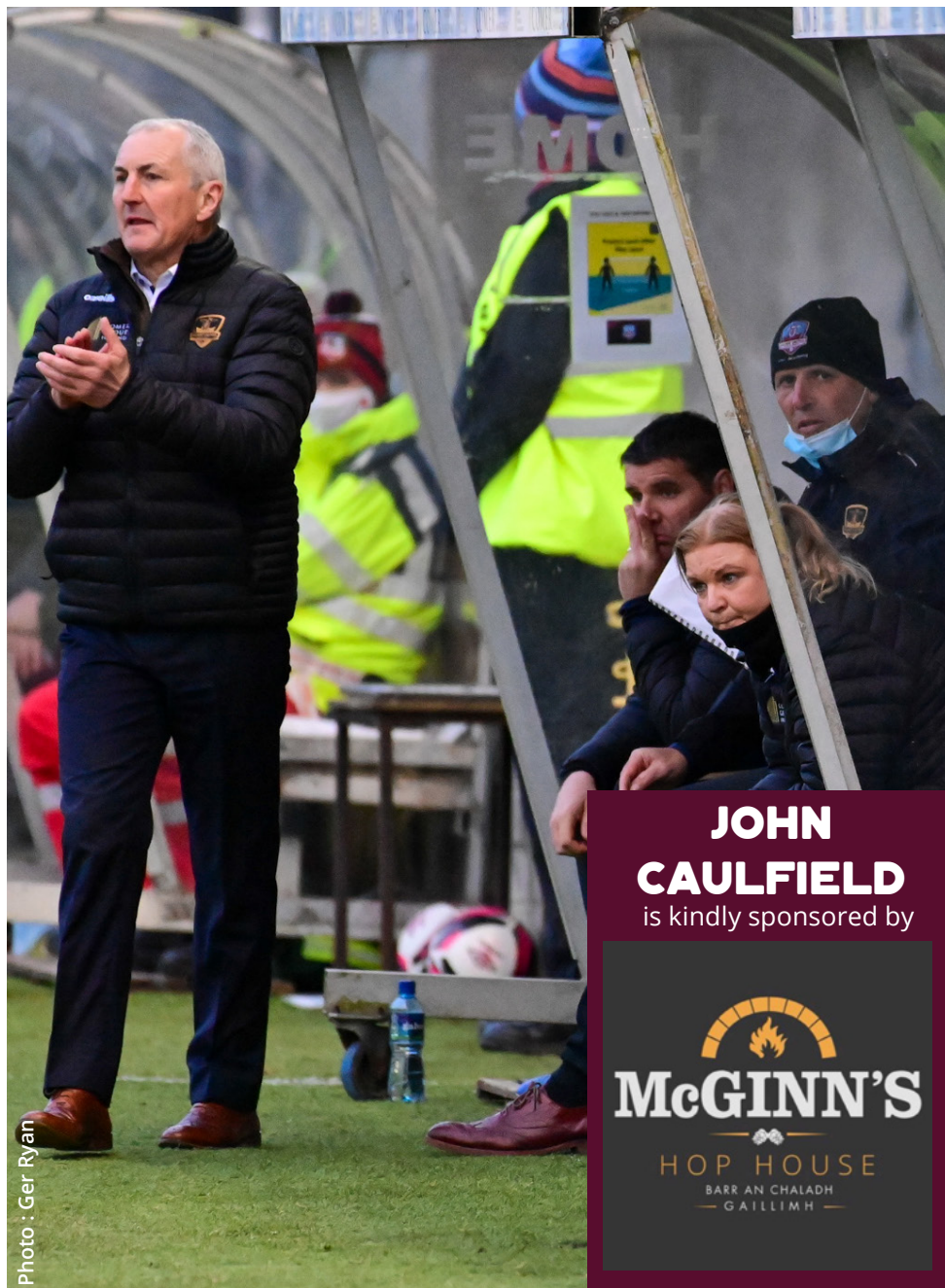


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I t has been an extremely competitive start to the SSE Airtricity League First Division season. That is evident every weekend: the games are proving to be extremely hard fought.

We know that from last year: winning breeds confidence. So far the lads have been very close. An important thing for me is that if I thought we weren't giving it our all or we weren't working hard enough or the lads weren't working hard enough at training; that hasn't been the case.

Ultimately it is vital that we remain composed because we have put a brand new team together. We are a club with no real history of success, we came in trying to change the mindset and the atmosphere around the city and county. This won't happen overnight; it will take time and patience, but make no mistake we are trying to build, to put blocks in place, to see can we be successful.

Sometimes people think winning is easy but if you look at our history we don't have that history other clubs have. Creating that winning mentality is crucial. Sometimes the players are taking a bit of criticism, unfairly, I think. It might be a surprise to some of them, but at the same time I'm sure that once you start putting a few victories together you get that bit of momentum.

I'm confident that the lads will have a good season. Ensuring the squad has plenty of depth is hugely relevant. Having competition for places is key as you need strength in depth. We were unfortunate with Francely Lomboto's injury before the start of the season but we have guys chomping at the bit to get playing. I think throughout the season that will be tested and we will need guys showing form off the bench, and you could see that against Treaty United.

Since returning Colin Kelly has worked really, really hard. He has the head down, he is learning quickly, and we have high hopes for him. Wilson Waweru came in he made a great impact too, getting his second goal of the season. Mikey Place did well when he came in, Mikie Rowe too; you need impact, you need guys coming off the pitch to make an impact.

They all did and I'm happy with the attitude of the lads. It was also great to have Killian Brouder and Ronan Manning involved. I think we all know Ronan Manning's potential. He is an exceptionally creative player, he missed most of pre-season so it was brilliant for him to get 60 minutes under his belt.

While some people believe we should be doing better, we have implemented a full-time training approach and there will be an adaptation period. Overall I think we need to be more clinical converting chances, especially when you have a team such as UCD coming to Eamonn Deacy Park. They have been heavy scorers, netting ten in four games so they will carry a real attacking threat. We have been creating opportunities, but we need to take more of them. I firmly believe that we can have a rewarding campaign, the players are working extremely hard, and they will deliver for Galway United.



Photo : Ger Ryan

Welcome to Eamonn Deacy Park to our visitors, UCD.

Wilson Waweru came off the bench again to rescue a point for us when he scored a last-minute goal against Treaty United. We are now hoping that will give us the confidence to go into the next game tonight, believing we can kick on from that and win the game.

Treaty were very organised, a very stubborn team that made it difficult for us to break them down after they scored the first goal of the game.

We know we can do better; we have to improve in our concentration. At times this year it's letting us down at the vital minute but I've no doubt will only get better and go from strength to strength. We've been reflecting on our performances on how we can improve and get better. We've a really good background team that our helping us get better everyday.

We know UCD from over the years they're always very competitive and play really good football; again this season they put in some really impressive performances.

We've had another good week at training and have been going over the strengths and weaknesses of the opposition so we will be ready to come out of the block and hopefully gather the three points.

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Galway United FC is delighted to announce Jigsaw, the youth mental health charity, as its charity partner for the 2021 season. Jigsaw is a community of professionals, supporters, and volunteers with a shared belief in an Ireland where every young person's mental health is valued and supported.

They offer a listening ear and give advice and support to young people aged 12 – 25 years-old in Galway, and right across Ireland. They also give families, teachers, and those who support young people's mental health ways to cope and skills to be there for young people

As part of the partnership Galway United FC will be making a donation to Jigsaw, as well as working with Jigsaw on various fundraising for the charity. All proceeds from the sale of our digital match day programmes will go directly to Jigsaw. A series of initiatives are planned over the coming year as part of the collaboration, to help players, management, coaches and schools. Specific initiatives will be announced in due course.

Speaking at the launch Galway United's 1st Team captain Conor McCormack said: *"I am honoured to be an ambassador for this partnership with Jigsaw. Mental health is so important in modern society, with young people going through so much at the moment, particularly with the difficulties of Covid-19 and how it has affected everyone's daily lives. I want people to know there is help*

and support out there and that they can reach out."

Johnny Glynn, Head of the Galway United Academy added: *"Young people need to look after their mental health and the service that Jigsaw provides is invaluable. I am delighted to see a partnership like this, to spread awareness and help those who may be struggling."*

Jigsaw Fundraising Manager, Justin McDermott said: *"We are so genuinely delighted to be launching this partnership with Galway United. It provides both Galway United and Jigsaw with a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of the services and supports we provide young people in our community. It also will enable us to engage with Galway United first team players, academy players, coaching staff, supporters and the wider soccer community in Galway, on the role they play in supporting the mental health of the young people in their lives. Young*

people need all our help, now more than ever"

Rosemary Killilea, Board Member of Galway United: *"Jigsaw's work throughout Ireland has impressed all of the board members and we want to partner with them effectively. Apart from the 1st team, our Academy has four teams with players ranging in age from 13-19. Physical activity like football is great for mental health and this partnership with Jigsaw will help highlight the resources out there for those in the Galway football community and beyond."*

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Padraic Cunningham has rejoined Galway United, having previously played for the club between 2014 and 2017. Club reporter Tom Byrne sat down with the striker to discuss his first spell at United, joining up with the Galway Gaelic footballers, and his hopes for the current season.

Padraic Cunningham says that as a kid playing underage football in Galway, a certain ex-Manchester United

partnership was never far from his mind, inspiring how the striker has looked at the game ever since.

“My idols growing up were always Wayne Rooney and Cristiano Ronaldo,” he says. “The two of them built such a bond and that had a big impact on me, in terms of trying to be like them on the pitch.”

Cunningham started out with local side Moyne Villa, before joining Mervue

United while still in his first year at Presentation College, Headford.

"I left Moyne Villa at under-13s and went to Mervue United with two of my mates from Headford," he says. "I played with Mervue up until the League of Ireland under-19s team, whom I played two seasons for, and then I signed for Galway."

In Cunningham's first season with what was at that time Galway FC, his side secured promotion to the League of Ireland Premier Division under the guidance of Tommy Dunne. Galway defeated UCD in the 2014 play-off final, which Cunningham describes as a massive moment in his career.

"It was an excellent season," he says. "I was learning from great players there at the time like Jake Keegan, Enda Curran and Vinny Faherty. They are all top strikers and I learned a lot from them."

"Tommy was also a great coach," he adds. "He used to keep me behind in training sessions and did one-to-one work and trained me very well. That season was brilliant for me personally as well, because I was so young and I gained valuable experience."

Cunningham spent four seasons in his first spell at the club, which included three campaigns in the Premier Division.

"We had a great campaign under Tommy in the 2016 season before we, unfortunately, got relegated the following season," he says. "We actually had a great team that year we got relegated. The standard of players that were there was unbelievable. David Cawley, Ronan Murray and Gavin Holohan were three class players, and we also brought in a quality player in Rory Hale."

"Even though we went down, it was probably my most enjoyable year and I learned a lot during it," he adds. "I was learning from seasoned pros, which helped me progress as a player. You are coming up against top-quality sides like Dundalk, too, who were playing in Europe. Hopefully, those days will stand to me this year and help me to push on to develop in this league campaign."

When Cunningham left the club in 2017, the striker had a decision to make when it came to the career direction he would take. He opted to trade sports and play for Galway in Gaelic football, after turning down the opportunity to join John Caulfield's Cork City, who were playing in Europe that season.

"It was probably the most difficult decision I had to make yet," he says. "They [Cork] had just sold Seani Maguire and they were looking for a striker. I spoke with John and went down to Cork to spend a day at

the training ground. I can see now that John has brought the same professionalism to Galway that he brought to Cork. It really did tear a hair out of my head for ages, trying to make a decision, but in the end I chose to give the GAA a go.

"I don't regret the decision I made and thoroughly enjoyed my time playing for Galway GAA," he adds. "I got to know some of my best mates, so it was a good few years. I did miss the football and was always keeping up to date with Galway United. I would have always tried to get to a match at Eamonn Deacy Park. I did miss it though, as I loved the scenario of training full-time and being a professional player."

After Caulfield took charge of United the pair spoke again, and "Podge," as he is better known, became the first signing



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made by United ahead of the 2021 League of Ireland season.

"I spoke with John and he is a very ambitious man which was a key factor for me to come back," he says. "He has the drive, the determination and he is also a winner. Listening to him, getting tips off him, is enormous for us as players. For myself as well, he was a great striker, so I try to take it all on board."

Cunningham has been impressed by the new coaching staff since his arrival and is keen to learn all he can during full-time training.

"All the coaching staff are brilliant," he says. "The training sessions and drills are very professional and very enjoyable. Learning from John, Lisa [Fallon], Gary [O'Connor] and Colin [Fortune] five days a week is much better than three times a week if it were part-time. You can really work off of each other every day, which is a great help."

On a personal level, the 24-year-old

has given himself targets to hit for the campaign. Podge has started all three of United's First Division games to date.

"Well, the obvious aim is to be in the first team, playing well and helping the team to reach the goal of promotion," he says. "I have given myself targets to hit. If I am in the team I need to be scoring goals, as that's my job as a striker. My main two goals would be working hard for the team and scoring as many goals as I can."

"We need to get out of the First Division and to be playing against the best teams in the country week in, week out," he adds. "There are some great teams in the division so it's going to be a very competitive league, but we have to turn every screw ourselves and hope we are at the top of our game each week."

Cunningham is delighted to be back at United, and says he's proud to wear the maroon no matter what the sport.

"It is massive for me to have played for Galway in both sports," he says. "I am a local lad, grew up in Galway and I have always been playing with Galway town teams. That year we got relegated took a lot out of me as a player, but I want to bounce back. This can be a huge year for Galway United and I want to help get the club back to the Premier Division. For me, I love playing for Galway and I love playing for the city."

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Bhí mi-ádh mór ar mhná na Gaillimhe i mBaile Átha Cliath an tseachtain seo caite agus beidh sé tábhachtach dóibh an ceann is fearr á fháil ar Treaty United amárach anseo i bPáirc Eamonn Deacy. Chruthaigh Rachel Kearns arís go bhfuil fíor chumas aici agus is féidir a bheith ag súil go mbeidh Therese Kinnevey, Shauna Fox, Chloe Singleton, Aoife Thompson agus Kate Slevin ag déanamh a seacht ndícheall na pointí a choinneáil ag baile.

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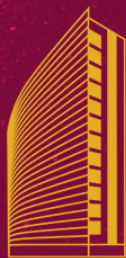




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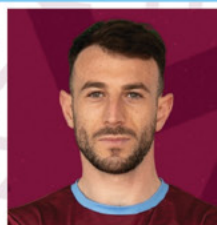


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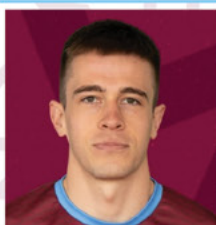


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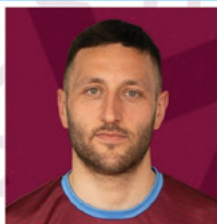


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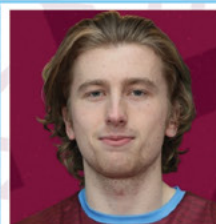


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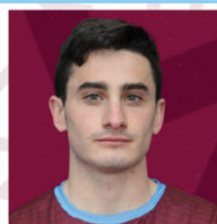


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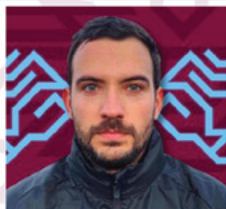
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MATCH REPORT

**GALWAY UNITED 1
TREATY UNITED 1**

16/04/2021

Eamonn Deacy Park

“The subs came on and made a difference to the game but it is still disappointing to draw it.” – John Caulfield, GUFC Manager

Galway United draw 1-1 with Treaty United at Eamonn Deacy Park after a last-gasp Wilson Waweru equaliser.

In what was a historic first encounter between the two clubs, Treaty United kicked off proceedings on an immaculate Eamonn Deacy Park surface.

After a scrappy opening exchange, the first opportunity of the game came the way of Galway United in the ninth minute. Ronan Manning found Ruairi Keating with an inch-perfect cross-field ball but the attacker's strike was well saved by Tadhg Ryan.

The match came to life when Treaty United took the lead in the 17th minute. Edward McCarthy headed past Conor Kearns after a superb cross by former United man Marc Ludden to give the away side the

advantage.

Treaty began to grasp a hold of the game as Tommy Barrett's team held a strong defensive shape while the Tribesmen searched for an equaliser.

In a half that lacked any real clear-cut opportunities, United went into the break 1-0 down after McCarthy's goal midway through the first half.

The Tribesmen got the game back underway in the second half, in the



hunt for an equaliser.

Early second-half chances fell to Killian Brouder and Shane Duggan but both were unable to find the net.

Treaty United almost doubled their lead in the 60th minute after Alan Murphy was sent in on goal from an impressive through ball from Sean McSweeney but Kearns saved his effort effectively.

The double substitution of Mikey Place and Colin Kelly injected some life into the game while United began to push players forward as the clock ticked by.

Cunningham almost brought United level in the 73rd minute when the ball fell at his feet inside the area but Ryan did well to get out in front of the striker to stop the effort.

It looked likely that the away side were going to bring all three points back to Limerick but the Tribesmen dramatically drew level in the 94th minute. Conor McCormack lofted a free-kick into the penalty area which fell at the feet of substitute Wilson Waweru who blasted home from close range to make it 1-1 right before the full-time whistle.



The points shared at Eamonn Deacy Park.

Post-match reaction from John Caulfield:

"Treaty are a good side and they work hard. We probably dominated possession but they were dangerous in attack and got a very good goal in the first half.

"We did have opportunities to score, Tadhg Ryan made two very good saves. The subs came on and made a difference to the game but it is still disappointing to draw it.

"We didn't do enough to create a number of clear-cut chances and we weren't as sharp as we would have hoped. I thought in the second half we were better but we aren't scoring enough goals

at the moment.

"In fairness to Wilson, it is the second game he has come on and scored, which got us the point.

"Overall, it just didn't happen for us tonight. Treaty played well on the counter and defended well. We didn't do enough at times to win."

Galway United

Kearns, O'Keeffe, Boylan, Nugent, Walsh (Ubazuonu 46), Hurley (Place 33), Doherty (Rowe 82), Duggan, McCormack, Keating, Cunningham (Waweru 46)

Athlone Town

Schlingermann, Friel, Hand, Cantwell, Daly, Wixted, Hollywood (Watson 85), McKenna, Doona, Byrne, Meaney (Barnes 71)

Referee: Michael Connolly



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Every week we'll meet a rival fan to get some lowdown. Tonight we talk to College fan Declan Hughes.

What do you make of UCD's chances this season?

We are better defensively than 2020 albeit with slightly less grunt up front with the departure of top scorer Yoyo Mahdy. UCD to make the playoffs.

How long are you supporting the team?

Actively off and on since the tail end of the 1980/'81 season. My friend Charlie was secretary of the UCD Superleague, which is an internal fun league for students and he was in my politics lecture. In March 1981 we had a friendly with Vancouver Whitecaps (in MLS currently bit back then in the original NASL) who were managed by Johnny Giles. Giles spent about 12 years at Leeds and a few ex-Leeds players such as Ray Hankin, David Harvey and

Terry Yorath played for Vancouver in 1981. We had borrowed four of their younger players at UCD for their close season and we were officially opening the changing rooms at our old ground Belfield Park. For this game we had to give back our loanees. The game ended 1-1; I went to seven home games the following season.

Are things solid off the pitch?

Yes, the club raises funds through the deeds of former scholarship players, who organise golf outings, poker nights and an annual dinner for former players to raise funds for scholarships, as well as persuading their employers to support the club by funding scholarships and perimeter advertising in the Bowl.

Who should we be looking out for?

Sam Todd in defence, Liam Kerrigan and Sean Brennan in the middle of the park, and Dara Keane and Colm Whelan in the attack.

Do UCD have a weak link?

It's the strongest squad with a younger age profile we have ever fielded so a bit of inexperience is the main weak link.

What's your prediction?

UCD to get at least a point from the game.

Will you be at the match?

My role as a broadcaster means I will be doing previews of the league on Friday Sports desk at the Dublin City FM weekend preview show. So I can't make it.



The teams take to the field for Galway United's game versus UCD on 27th October 2014. In the LOI Playoffs United edged a last gasp victory with goals from Paddy Barrett (89') and Ryan Manning (90+1'). Photo : Steve Alfred

Who at Galway are you afraid of?

Stephen Christopher was a real threat last scoring in both games last season if memory serves.

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GALWAY UNITED -V- UCD

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LAST PLAYED

GUFC 2-2 UCD

27-10-2020

POSITION

2ND
8PTS

S. Christopher 43' 1-0

1-1 81' E. Weir

1-2 89' E. Weir

S. Duggan 90' 2-2

TOP GOALSCORERS 2020

WILSON WAWERU - 2

COLM WHELAN - 4

AVERAGE AGE

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20.3

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FAILED TO SCORE

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BIGGEST VICTORY

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4-0

SCORED/CONCEDED p/m

0.67 / 1.33

2.5 / 0.75

AVG. TIME 1ST GOAL SCORED

83'

18'

FIXTURES

GAMEWEEK 5

Galway United	V	UCD
Cabinteely	V	Shelbourne
Athlone Town	V	Wexford
Treaty United	V	Cork City
Cobh Ramblers	V	Bray Wanderers

RESULTS

GAMEWEEK 4

Bray Wanderers	1 - 2	Athlone Town
UCD	4 - 1	Cabinteely
Cork City	1 - 3	Shelbourne
Wexford	1 - 2	Cobh Ramblers
Galway United	1 - 1	Treaty United

DIVISION 1 TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	PTS
1 Athlone Town	4	3	1	0	8	4	4	10
2 U.C.D.	4	2	2	0	10	3	7	8
3 Shelbourne	4	2	2	0	7	4	3	8
4 Treaty United	4	1	3	0	3	2	1	6
5 Cabinteely	3	2	0	1	4	5	-1	6
6 Cobh Ramblers	4	1	1	2	4	8	-4	4
7 Bray Wanderers	4	0	3	1	4	5	-1	3
8 Cork City	4	1	0	3	3	6	-3	3
9 Galway United	3	0	2	1	2	4	-2	2
10 Wexford FC	4	0	0	4	2	6	-4	0

TOP GOALSCORERS

C. Whelan	UCD	4
S. Meaney	Athlone	3
K. Byrne	Athlone	2
D. Casey	Cabinteely	2
C. Griffin	Cobh	2
B. Kavanagh	Bray	2
L. Kerrigan	UCD	2
G. Poynton	Shelbourne	2
W. Waweru	Galway Utd	2

Another week and more history being unearthed...

The good news is I don't have another match to update you all on - tonight will be our 1563rd competitive match!

A target to aim at for our players is our 2000th goal - that should come this year - or there will be a very unhappy manager as we're currently on 1968 goals, so 32 in the remaining 23 league and cup games remaining should be manageable (then again we only scored 32 in 22 matches last season so it's not a certainty)

Of those goals - 97 were scored by Paul McGee - and 1 so far by our goalkeeper tonight Conor Kearns! He was credited with an own goal while playing against us for UCD! This is one of 41 OGs scored for us. To be fair to Conor the jury is out on OGs by goalkeepers when, as in this case, a shot rebounds off the crossbar or post, off the diving goalkeeper's back and into the net. The counter argument is if the goalkeeper wasn't there the goal wouldn't have been scored by the player who took the initial shot - I'm not sure this jury is ever going to return!

Of course UCD are our opponents tonight for the 59th time, the first coming on 11th November 1979 in which a 1-0 home win was secured. United/Rovers are shading the contests by 23 wins to 19 with 16 draws, though UCD have scored 3 more goals than us 67 to 64.

It will be the 12th meeting in Division 1 with United having 4 wins to UCD's 3 and 4 draws.

A strange fact about the fixture is that each club has a winning record in the away fixtures.

UCD have played away to Galway United/Rovers 26 times with 9 wins compared to 8 for Galway and 8 draws, while United/Rovers have had 32 encounters away to 'College' winning 15 times and losing 10 with 7 stalemates.

As for the archive, I've finally reached the stage where I have starting line-ups, substitutes and goalscorers for each of the previous 1562 matches! I have received some records from others who have done similar and I'm now working through where a few players' appearances are 1 or 2 out to check whether I have missed any substitutions that may have occurred.

What has been established is that Kevin Cassidy, with 368 appearances, leads the way. Cassidy featured as a sub in the very first fixture way back on the 5th August 1976 at home to Athlone Town in the League Cup and made his final appearance on the 3rd October 1993 at home to Dundalk - both matches finished scoreless!

If any former player would like to confirm their records or any fan would like info on the first match they were at please feel free to contact me -

cannyjf@gmail.com

FIXTURES, RESULTS & LINEUPS

DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP.	SCORE	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
26/03/2021	Shelbourne	LOI 1	0-0	N/A	Kearns	O'Keeffe	Walsh	Nugent	Boylan	McCormack	Rowe	Duggan	Cunningham
02/04/2021	Athlone Town	LOI 1	1-3	N/A	Kearns	O'Keeffe	Walsh	Nugent	Boylan	McCormack	Doherty	Duggan	Cunningham
16/04/2021	Treaty United	LOI 1	1-1	N/A	Kearns	Boylan	Ubazuono	Nugent	Brouder	McCormack	Doherty	Duggan	Cunningham
23/04/2021	UCD	LOI 1											
01/05/2021	Cobh Ramblers	LOI 1											
07/05/2021	Bray Wanderers	LOI 1											
14/05/2021	Wexford	LOI 1											
21/05/2021	Cork City	LOI 1											
28/05/2021	Shelbourne	LOI 1											
11/06/2021	Athlone Town	LOI 1											
18/06/2021	Cabinteely	LOI 1											
25/06/2021	Treaty United	LOI 1											
02/07/2021	UCD	LOI 1											
09/07/2021	Cobh Ramblers	LOI 1											
16/07/2021	Bray Wanderers	LOI 1											
30/07/2021	Wexford	LOI 1											
06/08/2021	Cork City	LOI 1											
13/08/2021	Shelbourne	LOI 1											
20/08/2021	Athlone Town	LOI 1											
03/09/2021	Cabinteely	LOI 1											
10/09/2021	Treaty United	LOI 1											
24/09/2021	UCD	LOI 1											
02/10/2021	Cobh Ramblers	LOI 1											
08/10/2021	Bray Wanderers	LOI 1											
15/10/2021	Wexford	LOI 1											
29/10/2021	Cork City	LOI 1											
TBC	Cabinteely	LOI 1											

ON THIS DAY

23rd April

8 Galway Rovers/United have previously played 8 matches on this date with a record of 4 wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats. Here are the team line-ups and a brief summary of those games.

1978

**Galway Rovers 1 (Tom Lally)
Shelbourne 1**

Tom Lally; Tony Murphy, Barry O'Donovan, Fran Brennan, Kieran McDaid; Eamonn Deacy, Sean Lundy (Gerry Daly), Miko Nolan, Martin Best (Kieran Sciascia); Tommy Murphy,

Tony Collins.

This was the last match of Galway Rovers' inaugural season competing in the League of Ireland. Rovers finished 15th of 16 in the league with 3 wins and 10 draws from the 30 league matches.

Goalkeeper Tom Lally scored from the penalty spot, his 4th goal of the season to leave him as joint-top scorer in Rovers' league campaign with Paul Martin.

1985

Galway United 0 Shamrock Rovers 1

Gabriel Higgins; Brian Long, Brian Gardner, Kevin Cassidy, Jimmy Nolan; Jim Delargy, Stephen Lally (Gerry Daly), Miko Nolan, John Naughton; Ger Flaherty (Johnny Glynn), Tony

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Sherlock.

An unusual end-of-season match played on a Tuesday but 5 days before the teams met in the FAI Cup Final, which had the same scoreline. Player-manager Tom Lally made 8 changes to the starting line-up for the cup final on the Sunday, so this was very much a team of fringe players that season - Brian Gardnet, Jimmy Nolan and Kevin Cassidy the only players who appeared more than 10 times in the whole season.

As well as reaching the cup final, United achieved a record high league placing, up to that point, of 6th that season. Rovers achieved their 2nd league title of their famous 4-in-a-row and went on the clinch the double later that week.

Galway United 2 (Kevin Cassidy, Derek Rogers) Shamrock Rovers 0

Seamus McDonagh; Pa Dunne, Derek Rogers, Kevin Cassidy, Peter Carpenter; Dermot Lennon, Gerry Mullan, Noel Mernagh (Ronan Killeen), Martin McDonnell (Tommy Kearns); Paul McGee, Tommy Keane.

Another last day of the season match. This time with a successful outcome against Rovers. Seamus McDonagh, another goalkeeping player-manager, had taken over during the season with United in relegation trouble. 9 points from a possible 14 at the end of the season saw United finish safely in 10th, ahead of Cobh and Waterford.

Both centre-halves found the net against Rovers who were a shadow of the side of a few years previous and

finished the season in 7th place, just 4 points ahead of United.

1995

Dundalk 2 Galway United 0

Joey Power; Rodney Grant (John Brennan), Ray O'Halloran, Derek Rogers, Keith Lambert; Ollie Neary, Stephen Lally, Mark Herrick, Gerry Mullane; Ricky O'Flaherty, Billy Clery

This match is more famous from a Dundalk point of view as they clinched the league title on the last day of the season by beating United in Oriel Park, while Derry City failed to win at Athlone.

Goals from Tom McNulty and Mick Doohan in the last quarter of the game were enough for them. United finished 9th of 12 teams

1999

Galway United 2 (Gareth Gorman, Eric Lavine) Cobh Ramblers 0

Andrew Keeshan; Luther Watson, Billy Clery, Fran Carter, Mike Quirke; Aubrey Dolan, Ollie Keogh (Daragh Sheridan), Ollie Neary, Gareth Gorman; Eric Lavine (Adrian Cregg), Ryan Lucas

A win at home to 3rd placed Cobh Ramblers secured promotion back to the Premier Division for this young United side put together by Don O'Riordan.

First half goals from Gareth Gorman and Eric Lavine set United on the way to a comfortable victory, though Ryan Lucas was sent off in the 2nd half.

United went up in 2nd place behind Drogheda on goal difference, while Cobh lost heavily in a promotion-relegation playoff against Bohemians. achieved,

Cobh would finish the season in 8th.

2000

Galway United 1 (Billy Clery)
St Patrick's Athletic 0

Eddie Hickey; Ollie Neary, Kieran Foley, Billy Clery, Mike Quirke; Daragh Sheridan, Ollie Keogh (Sean Malee), Aubrey Dolan, Gareth Gorman (Neil Ogden); Dave Goldbey (Michael Donnellan), Eric Lavine

Exactly year on from securing promotion on this date, United secured Premier Division survival thanks to an injury-time bullet header from Billy Clery. This sent Waterford United into a relegation playoff, which they lost to Kilkenny City.

The young side had struggled throughout the league but took 7 points from the last 3 fixtures to stay up. This was also the last appearance of Galway GAA star Michael Donnellan for the club.

2004

Galway United 1 (John Russell)
Finn Harps 1

Alan Gough; Nigel Keady, Conor Fawley, Ronan Fawley, Mike Quirke; Colin Fortune, Tony Folan (Brendan Hughes), John Russell, Adrian Carberry (Mixie Harty); Barry Moran (David O'Dowd), Luther Watson

Back in Division 1 United were aiming for promotion but this home draw was just the 8th point taken from 6 matches.

United went on to finish 5th, well off promotion in a season when 3 of the 12 teams went directly up. Finn Harps went up as Champions 24 points ahead of United.

2010

Galway United 3 (Anto Flood, Rhys Meynell, Anto Flood) Drogheda United 1

Barry Ryan; Seamus Conneely, Jamie McKenzie, Paul Sinnott, Rhys Meynell; Stephen O'Donnell, Bobby Ryan, Ciaran Foley, James Creaney; Karl Sheppard, Anto Flood

For those who were there to witness it, Anto Flood's first goal must surely rank as one of the best they've seen in Terryland, a dipping volley from the edge of the area with wonderful technique. 'Bisto' went on to add a second early in the second half to put Sean Connor's men 3-0 up and on the path to victory against a Drogheda team who would finish bottom of the 10-team Premier Division.

United's other goalscorer, Rhys Meynell, would have to play in goal 2 games later away at Bray - and he kept a clean sheet! Possibly a sign of how things off the pitch were not in a great state.

United finished 8th and beat Bray in a one-off playoff to remain in the Premier Division for 2011.





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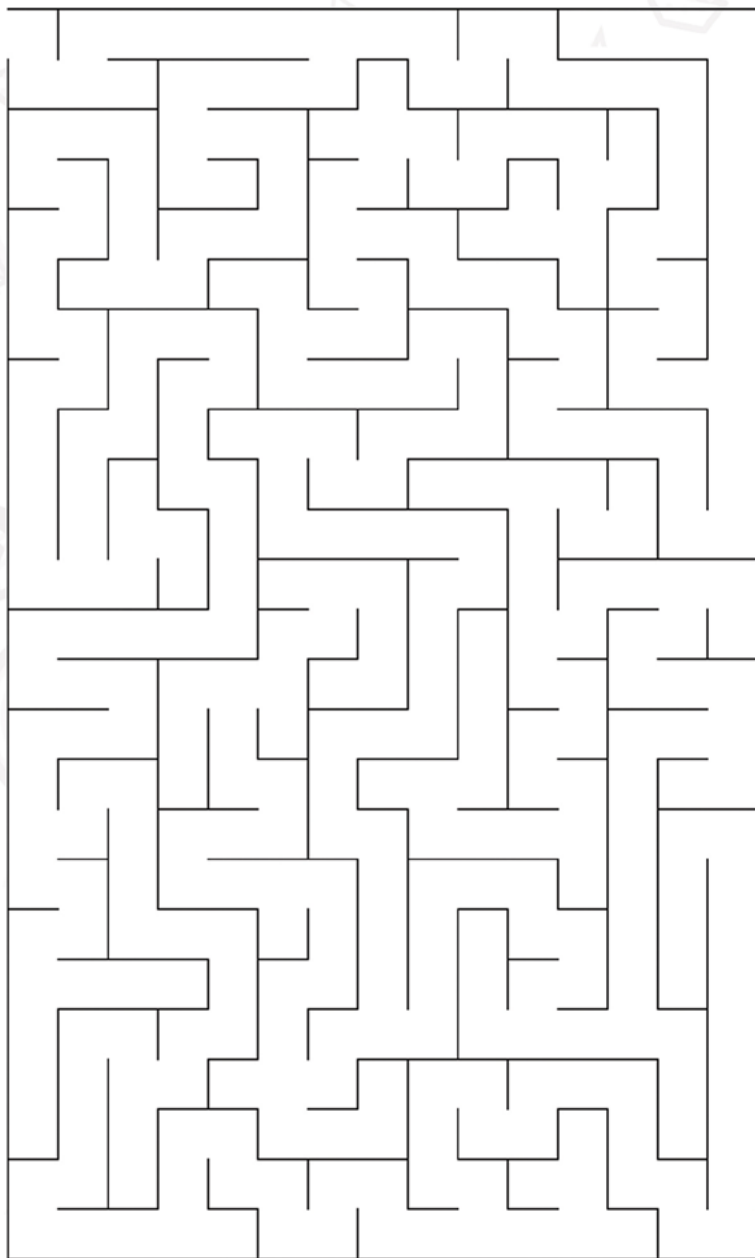
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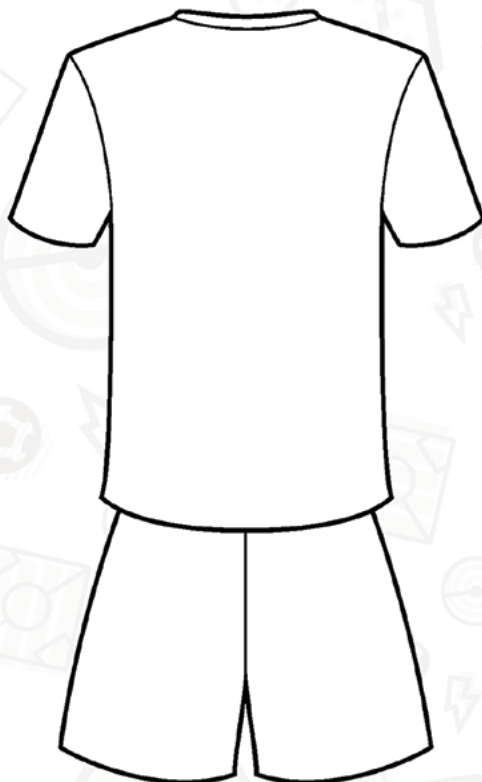
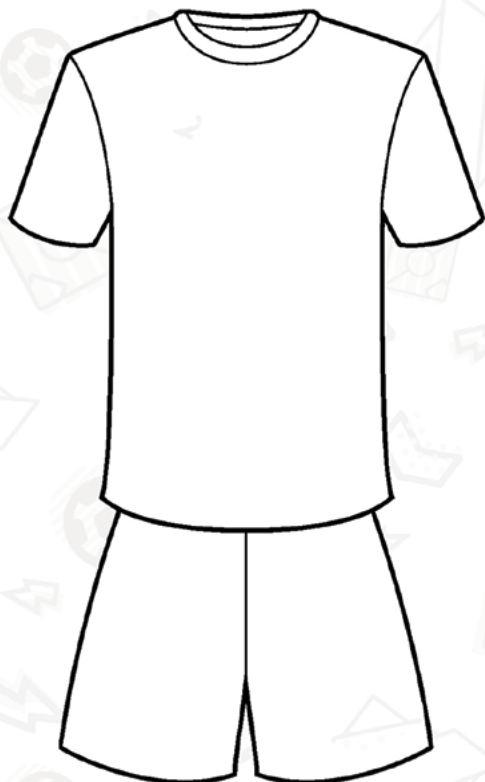


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Treaty United FC @TreatyUnitedFC: Nice gesture by Galway Utd making a presentation to the Treaty Utd board before Kick Off

Declan Varley @declanvarley: Wilson saved Tom Hanks and tonight Wilson has saved @GalwayUnitedFC 93rd minute equaliser as we share the spoils #wonderfulwaweru

Cárthach Bán Breathnach @cartyban: @GalwayUnitedFC Cùil!

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Rory Monaghan @Rorymon: Excited to support @GalwayUnitedFC. With the #europeansuperleague debacle this week, there is no better time to get behind your local club.

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Joe Reilly @JoeGalwayjoe: I am delighted Galway United turned down the invitation Rory Monaghan @Rorymon: Can't be seen to be in something called Super League with the likes of Spurs

m @_iamtheeggman: @GalwayUnitedFC Hi, I live behind the great E.Deacy park. Myself and @conor016 hit a sliotar (pink) and two lovely Wilson tennis balls into the car park while enjoying the sun during the week. Any chance we can get em back? your groundsman picked them up#MaroonArmy #UpGalway

m @_iamtheeggman: We are huge #MaroonArmy supporters btw , it's the reason we live here.

Gaillimh Aontaithe @GalwayUnitedFC: The mystery of the pink stiotar has been solved! @NoelEDPark will throw

them into your back garden. See you guys friday

Mac Lir @AMhicLir: No Galway United in this supposed "Super League". How super can it really be?

Paul O'Brien @PaulGaillimh: What year was Galway Rovers AFC founded? There's no definitive answer. The Galway Rovers clubhouse, which is still a functioning bar, has a sign above the door that states 1936. Then I found a Galway Rovers team photo from 1932/33. Meanwhile, Galway United FC claim that it's 1937

Marc O'Reachtaire @o_reachtaire:

I have heard about this mythical bar for years but I don't know anybody who has got a pint there

Ronan Coleman @coleman_ronan:

Great bar, have drank there after United meetings and events. The local papers are the best bet for verifying the founding of the club, reports of a meeting to establish club are usually held to be the founding date.

Willie Grant @WillieG10: No one from Claddagh can tell the truth, so good luck with that one @Rickoflah won a dancing title there in the 50s so he might know

O'Ciaragh @Shawncarey67: Galway United: 1 FAI Cup, 2 League of Ireland Cups vManchester United, Manchester City, Liverpool, Chelsea, Tottenham, Arsenal, Real Madrid, Atletico, Barcelona, AC Milan, Inter & Juventus: 0 FAI Cups, 0 League of Ireland Cups

But guess who gets to be in the "Super League"



Tommy Lally who has served this football club with distinction. He played in goals whilst being top scorer with 4 goals (all penalties) as well as being manager.



Action from Terryland Park in 1979



A very unusual photo of Galway Rovers emerging from the dressing room at Flower Lodge Stadium in Cork in 1978.



Eamonn Deacy is presented with Sportstar of the Year award from Jim Carney (RTÉ).

Compiled by Paul O'Brien who is currently writing a book about Galway United. Photos and stores welcome to paulgaillimh@icloud.com or on Twitter @GUFCbook

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SpamTitan provides the protection every company needs against Spam, Viruses, Trojans, Malware and all other unwanted email content and threats.



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ArcTitan

The complete cloud based email archiving solution. Simple to set up and use. ArcTitan allows users archive their organizations' email securely in the cloud.

AWAY JERSEYS BACK IN STOCK



AVAILABLE IN SIZES:
5YRS – XXXXL

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