

Developing skills of Comprehension

Students see off Crumlin to advance in the Cup

UCD swept past the challenge of Leinster Senior League kingpins Crumlin United thanks to a 4-1 win. Gareth Brady gave the visitors an early second half lead, before a goal from Dara Keane levelled the game minutes later. Man of the match Richie O'Farrell then popped up with a brace to give the Premier Division strugglers the win as captain Paul Doyle added the gloss to a handsome scoreline late on.

There was a quick start to proceedings – with Yoyo Mahdy seeing his effort hit the side-netting after some good play on the edge of the penalty area found the former Limerick youngster. However, it was Crumlin who should have taken the lead shortly after. Former Longford Town midfielder Craig Walsh got in on the counter-attack, but Conor Kearns stood tall to save.

The next opportunity came with just under ten minutes played, with Republic of Ireland under-21 international Liam Scales seeing his half-volley crash off the bar from a Jason McClelland corner-kick. UCD were very fortunate to not find themselves behind after being caught out on the break from a Conor Murphy pass from deep.

Despite that, the visitors remained a threat on the break – with the attacking duo of Walsh and Kelly both proving troublesome for a composed UCD back-line as the sides went in scoreless at the break. While both sides had their chances in the opening period, the first ten minutes of the second half saw a remarkable two goals scored- first Gareth Brady opened the scoring for Crumlin before Dara Keane levelled for UCD moments later. UCD then took the lead with just over twenty remaining, as Richie O'Farrell turned home an excellent move for the hosts. Bad went to much worse for Crumlin minutes later as O'Farrell grabbed his second of the night with a well-taken finish at the back post and Paul Doyle completed the scoring with a calm finish on a bright sunny night at Belfield.

UCD: Conor Kearns; Liam Scales, Dan Mullen (Luke Boore, 64), Evan Farrell, Mark Dignam; Richie O'Farrell, Jason McClelland (Ciaran Behan, 83), Jack Keaney, Dara Keane, Paul Doyle; Yousef Mahdy (Sam Byrne, 69).

Subs not used: Tom Murphy, Harry McEvoy, Danu Kinsella Bishop, Dan Tobin.

Crumlin United: Michael Quinn; David Fagan, Blair Mandiangu, Jack Memery, Calvin Rogers; Gareth Brady (Alan McGreal, 76), Liam Brady (Gingi Aki, 76), James Lee (Jamie Henderson, 89), Craig Walsh; Dean Kelly, Conor Murphy.

Subs not used: Jake Donnelly, Thomas Hyland, Adam Kenny, Jonathan Donaghue.

Referee: Oliver Moran.

Attendance: 150 (Estimate)

Focusing on skills of: (a) Scanning (b) Determining Importance (c) Summarising

Recall Questions (Scanning- looking for key words)

1. Name the two teams who played.

2. Who won and by how many goals?

3. How many people watched the game?

4. Who was the referee?

Determining Importance (The main ideas of the text)

5. Underline or highlight the five most important pieces of information in the text.

Inference (reading between the lines-there is no wrong answer)

6. In which month of the year was this game played? _____

7. Why do you think this? _____

Summarising (Retelling the most important parts of the text in your own words)

8. Write a short summary of the article on another page. (Use the answers from number 5 to help you)

Extension/Additional Activities

Written- Suggest an alternative title for the piece- Why did you choose this title?

Oral Work (Incorporating Drama)- Work in pairs to 'interview' the winning and losing managers after the game. The questions may also be written down in an extra writing activity

Cross Curricular Linkage- Geography

Locate both teams' home grounds on a map and trace the route between them- look at all the counties on the route and note any towns or landmarks in each.

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