

UCD NEWS



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WELCOME TO THE first newsletter of the UCD Supporters' Club – the Supporters' Club of the best Southside football team who wear a blue and white kit! In this first issue of UCD News, we have a review of August down Belfield Park way, a profile of winger Darragh Ryan, news of one of our former players and the first of what we hope will be many giveaways – 4 tickets to UCD v. Cork City and the Waterford United games, as well as whatever else we can fit in. The newsletter will be out once every month or so, so you can keep in touch with the Students' season that bit easier! In the meantime, if you have any comments or any suggestions for items you'd like to see in the newsletter, you can always e-mail us at ucdafc@yahoo.ie. Don't forget, this is ultimately *your* newsletter about *your* club, so if you want something – ask!

I'm sure many will be wondering about the tickets for Ireland games. The story is that, by request of Brian Kerr, much of the North Terrace of Lansdowne Road is now to be reserved for the Supporters' Clubs of the 22 eircom League sides. This has been the case for the games against Albania, Georgia and Australia so far, and it has been a huge success in improving the atmosphere at Lansdowne Road. Unfortunately, we've already had to confirm numbers for the Russia game, but anybody who wants tickets to the Turkey game the next Wednesday should e-mail us – ucdafc@yahoo.ie - as soon as possible and we'll hopefully be able to sort them out. Tickets for the Turkey game are €15 each. From Ireland's next qualifying campaign, a large area of the North Terrace will be reserved for eircom League Supporters' Clubs – tickets for any play-off for Euro 2004 will be dependent on what the away team return. We will carry details about upcoming friendlies in this newsletter as they come up.

DIARY

1st August – Robbie Griffin scores the only goal of the game as UCD overcome Drogheda 1-0 in Belfield Park. Robbie Martin doesn't play – he's been ruled out for 10 weeks after breaking his foot in the Cup win against Belgrove the previous week.

2nd August – UCD's Under-21s go out of the U-21 Cup to the Kerry League in Tralee 4-3 on penalties after a 2-2 draw.

4th August – On a blisteringly hot Bank Holiday Monday, UCD extend their unbeaten run to six games with a thrilling 2-2 draw against rivals Shamrock Rovers. Darragh Ryan gives us the lead, drilling home a rebound after a brilliant run and shot from Alan Cawley, only for former Student Glen Fitzpatrick to level. Rob McAuley scores a penalty in injury time, but Rovers go straight up the pitch and Trevor Molloy equalises with the last kick of the game.

5th August – The draw for the FAI Cup Third Round is made by Johnny Giles and Eóin Hand – and it's Hand who hands (sorry!) us a trip to Drogheda.

6th August – Rosenborg beat Bohs 4-0 in the Second Qualifying Round of the Champions' League for a 5-0 aggregate win – Paul Doolin provides the expert analysis in the RTÉ studios.

7th August – A third match in six days – the game is brought back a day as Pat's and Shels were playing Aston Villa and Leeds over the weekend – doesn't please Paul Doolin very much, and nor will he performance, as UCD lose 2-0 – Tony Bird and Paul Osam score for Pat's. For UCD, Pat McWalter is the latest to join the ever-growing injury list, coming off less than 15 minutes after being introduced as a sub, while a booking for Mick O'Donnell rules him out of the Cup match against Drogheda.

10th August – UCD's ladies' team win the Women's FAI Cup for the second time in their history – and the second year in a row – with a 2-0 win over Lifford in Richmond Park.

15th August – Goals from Drogheda's front pairing of Andy Myler and Declan O'Brien see them into the quarters of the Cup for the first time in eight years at UCD's expense – Alan Cawley comes closest late on with a free from just outside the area.

21st August – UCD's Women's team start their UEFA Cup campaign with a tie against Juvisy, a fully-professional side from France. A late Carmel Kissane goal is just a consolation in a 6-1 defeat. It's a respectable scoreline – Northern Irish team Newtownabbey lost 15-0 to holders Umea of Sweden (Lindqvist scoring a hat-trick in two minutes), Kolbotn of Norway (UCD's next opponents!) hammered Wroclaw of Poland 15-2, Energy Voronezh of Russia were 11-0 winners over Budapest, while Fulham beat KI of the Faroes 8-0.

22nd August – Longford Town end UCD's seven-game home unbeaten run with a 3-0 win – Darragh Sheridan, Shane Barrett and Seán Francis grab the goals. For UCD, captain Tony McDonnell makes his return from injury as a second-half sub, while Mark Leech – son of former Ireland international and Shamrock Rovers legend Mick Leech – makes his debut up front.

23rd August – UCD Women's team's exit the UEFA Cup with an 8-0 defeat against FC Kolbotn of Norway – the best club team from the best country in the world! Their final opponents are Wroclaw, who lost 3-0 to Juvisy.

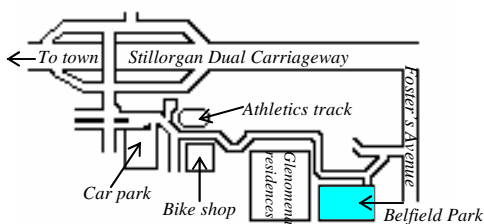
25th August – The women's UEFA Cup run ends in a disappointing 3-0 defeat to Wroclaw of Poland. The result means Ireland's representative next year may have to pre-qualify to get to the group stage – however, next year's representatives are UCD again!

WIN WIN WIN!!!

We promised you the chance of winning match tickets to UCD v. Cork City, and here it is! Simply by subscribing to this newsletter, you've entered into the draw for four tickets to the match! We'll be posting the tickets out to the winners, and all winners will be announced here next month as well!

If you don't win – don't worry! We'll be giving away four tickets to *every home match of the season!* So there's still plenty of chances to win!

WHERE IS BELFIELD PARK???



Buses to Belfield:

3	10
11	11B
17	46
46A	46B
46C	46D
63	84

KEEPING TABS

From the Sunderland Echo, 21/08/03: [link here](#) - [Sunderland Echo](#)



Clive Delaney in action for Sunderland's reserves against Manchester City recently

GIANT former West Ham defender Clive Delaney is bidding to earn a contract with Sunderland. And if cash-strapped Sunderland don't fancy him as a footballer, they could at least call on his services in the business he learned at university accountancy!

The 23-year-old was released by the Hammers at the end of last season along with Black Cats new boy Gary Breen and played in Sunderland Reserves' 1-0 win against Manchester City

last night. Boss Mick McCarthy said Breen recommended the youngster to him and he has spent a few days training on Wearside.

McCarthy, who was at the reserves match, said: "Clive's deal at West Ham ran out at the end of the season and he's been looking for a new club. I gather he has had offers, but he hasn't got fixed up yet. Gary Breen mentioned him to us and we're just having a look at him, but it's nothing more than that at this stage."

Delaney is a former Republic of Ireland Under-21 cap who was snapped up by West Ham mid-way through last season after being offered a trial following some impressive performances in the Eircom Irish League for University College Dublin.

Since being shown the door at Upton Park, he has had trials with Hibernian and Burnley as well as rejecting an offer to play in France.

The 6ft 6in stopper is highly regarded in the Irish league, but didn't win a first team appearance during his brief stay with the Hammers.

It was difficult to judge him on last night's match at Durham, which was played at a low tempo. His height gives him an obvious advantage in the air, and he seemed relatively comfortable with the ball at his feet.

McCarthy is hardly stretched in the centre back department, with Ben Clark and Gary Breen being the preferred pair in Saturday's home game against Millwall, and Phil Babb, Joachim Bjorklund, Darren Williams and Emerson Thome also available, although Thome has been in talks with Bolton over a free transfer.

But the Black Cats' boss is still keen to recruit and has been linked with promising Fulham defender Zat Knight.

Footnote – Clive was recently released by Sunderland, and is now back in Dublin, possibly with a view to signing for Shels. Given the amount of interest in him cross-channel, it seems possible that he could end up back over there once the transfer window opens again in December – we'll keep you posted!

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FOCUS ON – DARRAGH

Name – Darragh Ryan (dub!)

Date of birth – 21/05/80

Place of birth – Brighton

Nickname – Daz

Position – Left-back or left-wing

Joined UCD – June 1999

Signed from – Brighton and Hove Albion – scored two goals in nine league games with the Seagulls.

UCD debut – H v. Waterford United, 22/10/99.

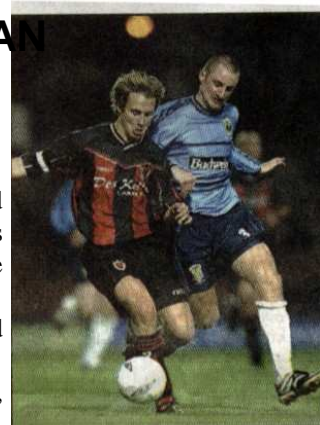
First goal – H v. Galway United, 24/02/02.

2003 UCD statistics – Played 16 (13 league, 2 League Cup, 1 FAI Cup), scored 1 (1 league)

Career UCD statistics (league only) – 73 appearances, 2 goals.

Famous relatives? – His dad Gerry played eighteen times for Ireland between 1978 and 1984, scoring once, at home in a European Championship defeat to West Germany.

RYAN



UPCOMING EVENTS

6th September – Republic of Ireland v. Russia, Lansdowne Road

7th September – UCD v. Cork City, Belfield Park, 3:15pm – note the change of date from Friday to Sunday due to Cork's John O'Flynn being in the Ireland under-21 squad for the game against Russia in Waterford on the Friday.

10th September – Republic of Ireland v. Turkey, Lansdowne Road. See the editorial for ticket details!

19th September – Shamrock Rovers v. UCD, Richmond Park (presumably!), 7:45pm. The 78A bus from the quays is the easiest way out to Inchicore – the bus takes about 15 minutes and you'll see the floodlights (just about!) on the right.

23rd September – UCD v. Waterford United, Belfield Park, 7:45pm – date to be confirmed as this is a midweek match, but most likely the Tuesday as we're in Derry on the Thursday.

25th September – Derry City v. UCD, The Brandywell, 7:45pm.

Don't forget – if you can't go to a UCD game, you can keep in touch with the Students in many ways –

- Aertel page 222
- ThreeText page 237 (on TV3)
- The UCD text service – text UCD to 53131 to receive goal flashes and news! Texts cost 30p each. To unsubscribe, text "Unsub UCD" to 53131.

- www.fut.ie
- RTÉ Medium Wave and Newstalk 106, both of which offer regular eircom League commentary on Fridays.

- www.ucd.ie/~soccer, the official UCD website
- www.ucd.ie/~soccup, the unofficial website. A new unofficial website (one to which we will have access to the password to update it!) is being planned for the next couple of months.