

UCD NEWS



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WELCOME TO THE twentieth issue of UCD News. In this issue, we have a profile of and a look at our international goalkeeper, a look at our other current internationals and, as usual, the Belfield Diary.

Well, one of the biggest months in the club's history has come and gone, and our season is effectively over in a bit of an anti-climax. First up was the League Cup Final, the first ever live televised match from Belfield Park sees an own goal deny UCD a place in next year's Setanta Cup. In truth, UCD never really got going and Derry deserved the win, but an own goal in first-half injury time just four minutes after UCD had equalised was a hard way to lose out, in particular seeing as the player concerned – Pat McWalter – had been in fine form at the other end in recent games. Still, UCD do pick up €7,500 in prize money, €2,500 in TV money and their share of the gate receipts from a bumper crowd of 2,174, the biggest in a few years in Belfield. And you can always watch the goal again and again on video!

It must be said that a lot of work went into turning Belfield Park into a ground which drew compliments from fans across the league. The sides of the main stand were taken out, 333 extra seats were transferred in from Lansdowne Road (they're gone back now, unfortunately), the Cascarino Stand was covered over and a TV gantry set up in front of it and a tent set up for those who were too important to watch the match and wanted to drink instead.

Three days later, we went out of the FAI Cup. 3-0 down after an hour, UCD dominated the remainder of the game and scored twice before Damien Dupuy was clearly fouled in the penalty area – to quote a Shamrock Rovers fan on the UCD forum "It was actually the first of the new EL horse racing season. I thought he was going to put a saddle on him and ride him down the DART line!" Well, you win some, you lose some. Bray now go on to a live semi-final tie away to Drogheda United. (Technically, UCD would have hosted Cork City had they drawn and won the replay, as they would have number 4 in the draw and the other teams would have moved up one. For those who care.)

There was some good news with Ireland's elimination from the U-21 World Cup. Manager Don Givens has decided to drop all players who won't be eligible for the European Championships from his squad, creating a few gaps. Two of these have been plugged by Darren Quigley and Gary Dicker. Quigley is reserve keeper to 22-year-old Wayne Henderson, the only player in the squad ineligible for the Euros, so at the moment, it looks like he's in line to hold on to the number one jersey for the next three years. When you think that last year, he was an Irish Schools international, and indeed earlier this year he was the reserve U-19 keeper, it's remarkable progress! It's lead to the inevitable transfer speculation – from Drogheda, inevitably – but as he'll have been at UCD for two seasons at the end of this campaign, he'd command a decent transfer fee, possibly in the region of €50k, and more if an English team comes in. Conor Kenna was also in a recent U-21 squad, but none of the three have yet been capped. However, it looks inevitable that the game in Larnaka this Friday or in Tolka next Tuesday will see the first UCD player to be capped at U-21 level since August 2001, when Robbie Doyle played against Finland. **Congratulations to both!**

BELFIELD DIARY

5th September – Gary Dicker joins Darren Quigley in the U-21 squad for the game against France in Turner's Cross.

7th September – Ireland's U-21s go down 2-1 to France, with Quigley and Dicker unused subs. Liverpool's Antony Le Tallec – on loan at Sunderland – equalises teammate Daryl Murphy's goal, with Bordeaux player Bryan Bergougnoux grabbing the winner. Ireland are now mathematically out of the World Cup.

9th September – Two years and a day after Paul Doolin leaves UCD – and a year and a day after meeting in last season's FAI Cup quarter-final – UCD meet Drogheda again. Despite leading twice through Gary Dicker and Anto Murphy, Drogs come back both times to grab a 2-2 draw.

11th September – Trinity complete a remarkable trio of results against the top three teams in the South Leinster U-21 league with a 1-1 draw with UCD. Qualification for the quarters is now back in the balance.

16th September – In a dress rehearsal for next week's FAI Cup quarter-final, UCD defeat Bray 1-0 in the league in the Carlisle – Pat McWalter scores as scrappy a goal as you will ever see, although the Students pass up several good chances, hitting the woodwork twice in the opening ten minutes.

20th September – League Cup Final day finally comes around, but UCD can't repeat their earlier victory over Derry as a Pat McWalter own goal just before half-time gives the Candystripes the Cup on a 2-1 scoreline. For UCD, Conan Byrne scores his first ever senior goal after 11 for the U-21s so far.

23rd September – Three days after going out of the League Cup, UCD exit the FAI Cup as well. Bray storm into a 3-0 lead before UCD get going, pulling two goals back through Robbie Martin and Pat McWalter before being denied a blatant injury-time penalty for a foul on Damien Dupuy.

24th September – UCD pick up their first suspensions of the season – Stephen Hurley, Tony McDonnell and Brian Shortall will all miss the Cork City game.

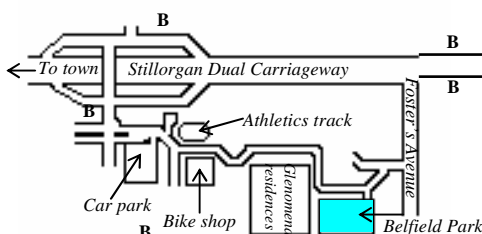
26th September – Darren Quigley and Gary Dicker are named in the Irish U-21 squad again as Don Givens drops all those players ineligible for the next European Championships, except for keeper Wayne Henderson. The Waterford United game is now off as the U-21s will be playing in Larnaka the same day.

29th September – UCD keep on track for a quarter-final spot in the U-21 league with a 1-0 win away to Mullingar in a twice-postponed tie. Kieran Harte scores the only goal. UCD now need one win from their last two games – against Kildare and Bray – to qualify.

30th September – Transfer speculation begins early as Drogheda United are linked with Darren Quigley...

2nd October – ...and his performance in Cork will probably have added another few grand onto his value. Shorn of seven players – Mahon, McNally, Gannon, Hurley, McDonnell, Paul Byrne and Shortall – through injury and suspension, UCD give two league debuts and field another two players with less than 90 minutes' first team action between them against the team going for the league title. A repeat of the earlier hammering is on the cards as John O'Flynn scores early and Shane Long is sent off on his debut, but Quigley pulls off a series of superb saves to keep Cork at bay for the rest of the half.

WHERE IS BELFIELD PARK???



Buses to Belfield:

3	10
11	11B
17	46
46A	46B
46C	46D
63	84
B – Bus stop	

LOOKING BACK

From The Sun (23/09/05)

Darren Quigley and Paul Murphy once shared a dream of making the grade at Manchester City. But tonight, they will be looking to spoil each other's FAI Carlsberg Cup ambitions.

UCD goalkeeper Quigley, 19, will be bidding to deny Bray Wanderers striker Murphy, 20, a chance of glory in an intriguing quarter-final clash at the Carlisle Grounds.

Four years ago, the duo were looking to make a name for themselves at Maine Road, City's former home.

Both ended up back on home soil, but neither player is bitter about what could have been. Instead, their ambitions are very much focussed on the here and now.

Quigley lasted barely a year at City before the blight of homesickness struck.

He explained "I broke my right arm just three weeks after I arrived and was unable to play for about six months. It was one of those freak accidents. Willo Flood took a shot at me and I saved it and then we both went for the rebound and collided.

"Willo was very upset for me. I never held it against him or anything because these things happen in football. It was very hard for me as I was only 15 and had to go to training every day without actually being able to do anything other than watch the other lads.

"Even though I got fit again, I didn't know who to trust at the club anymore and just wanted to come home. I'm glad I did because I won Under-19 caps last year and was called up for the Under-21s earlier this month, so things are going really well now."

MAKING THE GRADE

From eleven-a-side.com – link is [here](#)

Foureircom League players have been included in Don Givens's Irish under-21 squad for the forthcoming European Championship curtain-closers against Cyprus and Switzerland.

Givens, with two eyes firmly on the next qualification campaign, has opted to give youth its chance, with several players making the step-up from under-19 level.

Indeed, of the squad, only goalkeeper Wayne Henderson will be ineligible for the next series of qualification games, which will get under way next September.

UCD goalkeeper Darren Quigley and midfielder Gary Dicker, impressive for the Students in the Premier Division so far this season, retain their places in the squad, while Bohemians forward Stephen Ward is called up for the second time. Cork City's Roy O'Donovan is the fourth home-based player to earn a place in the 18-strong panel.

All in all, Givens's selection shows seven changes from the squad on duty for the Euro qualifier against France at Turners Cross earlier in September.

Spurs defender Stephen Kelly, who has captained the under-21 side for the past two years, is excluded, as are Reading striker Kevin Doyle, Sunderland's Daryl Murphy, Stephen Dawson of Mansfield Town andeircom League trio Sean Dillon and Stephen Paisley (both Longford Town) and Liam Kearney (Cork City).

Among those called or recalled this time are Liverpool's Darren Potter, Manchester City's Willo Flood and Aiden McGeady of Celtic, all of whom missed the game against France through injury, while the new faces include striker Karl Bermingham, who joined Burnley on loan from Man City recently, and Birmingham City defender Marcus Painter.

Goalkeepers: Wayne Henderson (Aston Villa – on loan to Brighton), Darren Quigley (UCD); Kevin Foley (Luton Town), John Fitzgerald (Bury), Paul McShane (Manchester United – on loan to Brighton), Henry McStay (Portadown), Alan Sheehan (Leicester City), Marcus Painter (Birmingham City); Willo Flood (Coventry), Darren Potter (Liverpool), Joey O'Brien (Bolton Wanderers), Gary Dicker (UCD), Glenn Whelan (Sheffield Wednesday); Karl Bermingham (Manchester City – on loan to Burnley), Jay Tabb (Brentford), Stephen Ward (Bohemians), Aiden McGeady (Celtic), Roy O'Donovan (Cork City).

FOCUS ON – DARREN QUIGLEY

Name – Darren Quigley

Date of birth – 10/06/86

Place of birth – Dublin

Position – Goalkeeper

Joined UCD – March 2004

Signed from – Kildare County

UCD debut – 4th April 2004, A v.

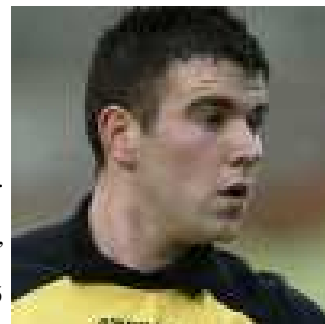
Bray Wanderers (League Cup)

First goal – We're still waiting, unsurprisingly!

2005 UCD statistics – Played 32 (26 league, 4 Cup, 2 League Cup)

UCD career statistics – Played 54 (41 league, 8 Cup, 5 League Cup)

Did you know? – After a couple of League Cup appearances last season, Darren replaced Neil Gallagher in nets for no-pressure game against Cork City in the FAI Cup, a month after his Leaving Cert and three days after City went out to Nantes in the InterToto Cup quarter-final. UCD won 1-0, and Quigley had played every minute of every game since (bar the first three League Cup games this season). When he signed for UCD, he was an Irish Schools international. After winning U-19 caps earlier this year as Charlton keeper Darren Randolph's back-up, Quigley is now set to be the first-choice Irish U-21 keeper. Randolph is still with the U-19s!



UPCOMING EVENTS

14th October – Away to Pat's, apparently without a shot on goal since sometime in the late 90s.

17th October – Home to Waterford – now on the Monday because of U-21 call-ups. Waterford hadn't won since sometime in the late 90s before Pat Dolan came on board...then they beat Bohs 2-0 in their next match!

28th October – Home to Bohs. Usually a very entertaining game of late.

31st October – Home to Derry City, again on the Monday. A chance to avenge the League Cup final defeat, although it looks as if Derry's long unbeaten run will still be intact by the time this game rolls around...

5th November – Another long trek to Harps, and possibly the last for a couple of years. Only two more games to go after this one!!!

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
- 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.
- <http://www.FootieForums> – the UCD messageboard, which will continue to provide match reports all season – drop by and have your say!
- RTÉ Medium Wave and Newstalk 106, both of which offer regulareircom League commentary on Fridays.
- www.UCDsoccer.com, the new official UCD website
- www.Eleven-a-side.com/ucd - A handy site for UCD news and match previews.
- The long-talked about new Supporters' Club website has been launched and is at www.STIGOnline.com.

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