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Reading United defeats Ocean City Nor'easters 2-0 *Zandi's brace and Beaury's shutout lead Reading to the top of the Mid-Atlantic Table*

OCEAN CITY, NJ (June 4 2016) – Reading United AC took home three points from Ocean City with a 2-0 victory at Carey Stadium. Zach Zandi scored once in both halves and Ben Beaury pitched a shutout to lead Reading United to the top of the PDL Mid Atlantic Division table. The win extended Reading's unbeaten streak to five games against Ocean City, and allowed Reading to overtake the Nor'easters in the division.

The first goal of the game came from Zandi, a YSC Academy alum, in the 29th minute when he found a wide open net with the help of Frantzdy Pierrot. Pierrot drew Ocean City's goalkeeper Andrew Garcia out of the net, sending the ball across the box to Zandi to gain a 1-0 lead.

According to Zandi, "It was a great ball by [Pierrot] and I just slotted it in, I give all the credit to [Pierrot] on that one."

Reading struck again 40 seconds into the second half when Zandi found the back of the net for his second of the night. Zandi was left alone at the top of the box, and struck a ball into the top of the net giving Reading a 2-0 lead.

"It was incredible, to start that way and get a nice goal from like 18 out, it was an incredible experience," said Zandi.

Ben Beaury kept the shutout in tact in the 75th minute, making a diving stop on Ocean City's Kyle Thompson on a penalty kick. Thompson lined up a blast towards the lower left corner of the net, and Beaury made a reaction save to keep Ocean City off the scoreboard.

"Seeing where he looks, he looked down, then he looked at me, then he looked at the corner, so I kind of read his mind a little bit," said Beaury.

Beaury's success during this game certainly didn't come as a surprise to Head Coach Stephen Hogan.

"I know Ben and coached against Ben at the college level. I've seen him play, his professionalism and how he kills games with time management for me is a no brainer" said Hogan.

"We went in with a different midfield and I made some changes before the kickoff, so we put Zandi up with Pierrot because we knew we'd do a lot of running beyond him. We put Martin [Nygaard] and Will Picoux in there just to stay tight with the two center midfielders and it worked. The three of them were fantastic," Hogan explained.

The shutout was Reading's third in four PDL games. Beaury turned away all three shots that he face for the first shutout of his Reading United career.

The team returns to action on the road next week against the Baltimore Bohemians in Maryland on Friday, June 10th.

Reading returns home for heir friendly against Bethlehem Steel FC June 12th. Tickets for the Philadelphia Union Festival are available at www.readingunitedac.com or on game day at the Don Thomas Stadium ticket office. Reading United offer 2016 Game Day Youth Packages, Group Discount Packages, Birthday Parties and Fundraising Ticket Packages. Contact our ticket sales team at sales@readingunitedac.com for all your group needs.



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ABOUT READING UNITED AC

Reading United A.C. is the Greater Reading area's premier minor league soccer team. Led by the ownership group of Berks Professional Sports, Inc. the club was founded in 1995 as the Reading Rage. As the club entered its 15th season a name, logo, and color change was made to better feature the ties to the local and state community as well as the soccer goals of the team and its partners. Now in its twenty-first season, Reading United's commitment to professional player development has produced over fifty players currently on the rosters of professional clubs throughout the United States, Europe and Latin America. Reading United is the official Premier Development League affiliate of Major League Soccer's Philadelphia Union. For more information about Reading United AC, visit www.readingunitedac.com.