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Reading United hold off Cedar Stars, win 3-2

Goals from Galizzi, Hideki and Bagayoko help United pick up their ninth win of the season

READING, PA (July 10, 2019) – Reading United A.C. got back on track Wednesday night at Wilson High School's Gurski Stadium as they outlasted visiting Cedar Stars Rush to score a 3-2 victory in USL League Two action. United, the newly minted 2019 Mid-Atlantic Division Champions, put three goals in the back of the net early in the first half courtesy of Max Galizzi, Felipe Hideki and Bakary Bagayoko. The hosts had to hold off a rally by Cedar Stars to earn the win, snapping a three match winless streak.

United wasted no time lighting up the Gurski Stadium scoreboard with two goals in the first six minutes of the game. Reading midfielder Amferny Sinclair forced a turnover in midfield and dribbled to the top of the Cedar Stars penalty area. Sinclair played a nice ball to Galizzi, who laced the ball past Cedar Star Rush goalkeeper Jason Dubrovich and into the back of the net to make it 1-0 to the hosts.

Three minutes later, Reading would strike again. Theo Quartey started an attacking move deep in the right channel before finding Hideki wide open in the Cedar Stars penalty area. The veteran United midfielder made no mistake beating Dubrovich to double United's advantage to 2-0. The goal was Hideki's fourth goal in last five matches.

United would continue to press their advantage as they found a third goal in the 18th minute. Bakary Bagayoko collected a loose ball deep in the left channel, outmuscled his Cedar Stars marker, cut toward goal and lashed a vicious shot past Dubrovich to extend United's lead to 3-0.

Cedar Stars were quick to blunt United's momentum as they quickly responded to Reading's third goal. In the 20th minute, Sebastian Varela collected a throw in from the right side and dribbled into the Reading penalty area. The Cedars Stars midfielder ripped a left-footed shot on target that United keeper Tor Erik Larsen initially blocked but a wicked back spin saw the ball bounce over the goalline to cut Reading's lead to 3-1.

The visitors would cut Reading United's lead again in the 70th minute. A foul by Reading United defender Corey Burkhardt set up a dangerous Cedar Stars free kick from 27 yards. Josue Espana curled a shot over the Reading United defensive wall and into the back of the net, pulling Cedar Stars within one goal.

Reading United would see out the rest of the match to earn their ninth win of the 2019 regular season.

With the win, Reading United kept pressure on Eastern Conference leaders, Western Mass Pioneers, with one game left to play in the regular season. Reading sit three points behind the Pioneers in the chase for the Eastern Conference regular season championship.

Reading will continue their homestand to wrap up the 2019 USL League Two regular season at Gurski Stadium on Sunday, July 14th when they welcome their closest rivals, Lehigh Valley United. Tickets for the match and Reading upcoming exhibition match against the Philadelphia Union on July 16th can be purchased online at www.readingunitedac.com/tickets.

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-fourth 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 USL League Two affiliate of Major League Soccer's Philadelphia Union. For more information about Reading United AC, visit www.readingunitedac.com.



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