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Reading United run over Evergreen Hammers 5-0 *Paul Marie nets two goals in romp, moving United to 2-0 in league play*

LEESBURG, VA (May 22, 2016) – Reading United used speed and relentless attacking to their advantage over an exhausted Evergreen Hammer team in a 5-0 road victory. Evergreen, coming off a 0-0 tie the night before in Baltimore, was run ragged by Reading's speedy wing play as United piled onto an early 1-0 advantage with three goals in 14 minutes to seal the victory in Northern Virginia.

While not as fast as Reading's first minute goal on Sunday against Lehigh Valley, Reading used another up tempo start to get on the board early. Midfielder Uros Antic found the back of the net in the 9th minute, as early pressure led to a corner on the right sideline. The well placed cross from defender Charlie Reymann skimmed off of Antic's head and into the upper 90 for a 1-0 lead.

"We have a philosophy throughout the club that we need to press quickly and press with organization," said Head Coach Stephen Hogan. "We did that. We started off very fast which led to the set piece, with Uros getting on the end of it from a great delivery."

Reading continued to pressure throughout the first half, and held possession at a dominate rate. Their pressure paid off again in the 43rd minute, as Paul Marie broke through and extended United's lead to 2-0. Marie's goal was a beauty from outside the box, which curled around the goalie and inside the far post.

United exploded for two more goals to begin the second half, as Kaique Fernandes found himself on the receiving end of another Charlie Reymann corner kick in the 50th minute to drive the lead to 3-0.

Paul Marie netted his second goal of the night in the 57th minute, receiving a slotted pass from Rayene Boukemia on the far side of the box and calmly placing it home for a 4-0 advantage.

Reading's final goal in the 72nd minute also came off an assist from Boukemia, as 2015 leading scorer Brett Campbell poked home a ball in the six yard box to push Reading's lead to 5-0.

Evergreen's best chance came in the 72nd minute, as the Hammer tested out Reading's decision to make a goalkeeper change a few minutes earlier. Reserve keeper Ben Beaury proved he was up to the task, turning away a point blank save and spurring the counter attack that led to United's final goal.

Playing their third game this week, United's starting lineup was starkly different than the one they put forward on Wednesday night against Chattanooga FC. In all, Reading tapped nine new starters for tonight's game. Goalkeeper Steffen Kraus and defender Charlie Reymann were the only holdovers from the U.S. Open Cup 2nd Round matchup.

Head Coach Stephen Hogan emphasized his confidence in Reading's deep bench. "Everyone's bought into the philosophy, and everyone's competitive. We have a bunch of guys who want to try and make it in what is pretty much a three month trial. The players going in are just as professional as the players that we start regularly."

United's first home league match will take place on Saturday, May 28th at 7:00pm at Exeter's Don Thomas Stadium. United will welcome the reigning PDL Eastern Conference Champions, the New York Red Bulls U23s, in a crucial early season match-up that will set the tone in the Mid-Atlantic Divisional title race. Tickets for the home opener 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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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



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