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Reading United falls to New York Red Bulls U23 1-0 *Reading's lead in Mid-Atlantic Division shrinks with third loss of season*

Whippany, NJ (June 29, 2016) – With a chance to extend their divisional lead and continue their march towards the playoffs, Reading United AC stumbled in a 1-0 loss against divisional foe New York Red Bulls U23. The loss marked their third loss of the season, and second at the hands of the Red Bulls. With the loss, United stay two points ahead of Baltimore Bohemians, who visit Don Thomas Stadium this Saturday evening for a showdown between the top two teams in the division.

“Obviously, that makes the Baltimore game a must win,” said Head Coach Stephen Hogan. “They’re a quality club, and we need to go out and get three points at home.”

New York’s Alex Tejera netted the game winner in the 72nd minute, following a blocked cross from Ethan Lochner that slowed up just enough across the box for Tejera to punch into the bottom corner. Both players involved were second half substitutes, subbing into the game within ten minutes of the goal.

Reading weathered an early storm from Red Bulls, as they peppered keeper Steffen Kraus with a barrage of shots and crosses from the final third. Kraus was quick off his line and up to the task, keeping United deadlocked at zero through the first 20 minutes of play.

United had their chances throughout the first half, with Frantzdy Pierrot having a shot clang off the crossbar in the 22nd minute, and another rocketed just high of the net in the 25th. Bradley Fountain also came close in the 40th minute, but his shot was right at NYRB keeper Evan Louro.

“I thought that was a tremendous first half of soccer by both teams,” said Hogan. “We both had chances, but we just couldn’t finish them.”

That theme continued into the early portion of the second half for both teams. Reading keeper Steffen Kraus needed to come up huge again for Reading, coming off his line in the 48th minute to force a Sevag Kherlopian shot high of the net. Kraus was called into duty five minutes later as he made a reaction save to keep the game equal.

Reading turned up the pressure after the 72nd minute goal in search of the equalizer. Ishmael Noumansana made the most of his 70th minute substitution, providing three quality chances in a mere 6 minute span. Reading’s last and possibly best chance at an equalizer came in stoppage time, as Pierrott’s open header off of a free kick was nodded just wide of the net.

Reading returns home for a Saturday, July 2nd match against second place Baltimore Bohemians. United will be wearing special red jerseys that will be auctioned off to benefit our hometown heroes! Tickets for Hometown Heroes Night 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.

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



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