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Reading Falls In Season Opener *A four-goal halftime deficit was too much for United in loss*

BETHLEHEM, PA (May 16, 2021) – A four-goal stretch across just 16 minutes of game time proved to be too much for Reading United to overcome in a 5-1 loss to Lehigh Valley United on Saturday evening. With the loss, Reading drops to 0-1 on the season, while LVU improved to 1-1.

Goals in the 23rd, 27th, 31st, and 39th minutes by the home side put Reading in a position it hasn't been in over a decade's worth of games. Midfield miscommunication and turnovers led to several counter attacks which left Reading stunned. A fifth LVU goal in the 70th minute shut the door permanently.

Nick Pariano put in his first in a United kit to pull one back for Reading in the 73rd minute, but it was much too late for Reading to mount a significant comeback.

Pariano led the team with four of their seven shots. Lyam MacKinnon had two of his own, while Marcus Brenes had one. Carson Williams made five saves in net.

Reading looks to get back on the winning track on Wednesday evening, as they face the 2-0-1 West Chester United SC in West Chester.

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 25th 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 A.C., visit www.readingunitedac.com.