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# Press Release

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## **Reading Picks Up Second Win On The Road** *Late winner by DiSomma gives United 2-1 victory over Northern Virginia*

**LEESBURG, VA (June 19, 2021)** – A late winner by Andrea DiSomma in the 89th minute broke a 1-1 stalemate in Reading United's 2-1 victory over Northern Virginia on Saturday evening. After a 0-0 first half, a frantic finish gave Reading their second victory of the season, and avenging their first-ever loss to the home side earlier in the season.

A scoreless first half saw a scrappy bit of play from both sides. Quantrell Jones made his first start in net this season for Reading, and the gamble paid off as he made a fantastic save that kept things deadlocked after 45 minutes.

Reading's tenacity paid dividends early in the second half, as Ryan Becher got his noggin onto a free kick opportunity from the foot of Marcus Brenes, putting United up 1-0 in the 52nd minute.

After some dodgy and physical bits of play from a Northern Virginia side, including a goal called back for offside, the home side pulled level late in the 81st minute. A scrap in the box led to a Martin Ngoh goal to level things at 1-1.

DiSomma put Reading on top for good with another opportunity deep in Northern Virginia territory in the 89th, putting it past the keeper for the 2-1 final.

Quantrell Jones made seven saves for the victory in his first start of the 2021 season. Reading was outshot 16-9 on the day and out-cornered 10-4, but made it count with timely stops and a bend-don't-break defense.

Reading continues their road trip with the final game as a visiting side on Wednesday, June 23rd against division-leading West Chester United. Kickoff is at 7pm at Kildare's Field in West Chester. The game will be able to be viewed at [readingunitedac.com/live](http://readingunitedac.com/live).

United return home for a four-game homestand to polish off their 2021 campaign beginning June 26th. Throwback Night is the name of the game, as Reading celebrates 25 seasons of soccer in Berks County. Kickoff against Real Central New Jersey is at 7pm. Tickets are available for purchase at [readingunitedac.com/tickets](http://readingunitedac.com/tickets) and will be available for viewing online at [readingunitedac.com/live](http://readingunitedac.com/live).

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.readingunitedac.com).