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United Tied Up By Real Central New Jersey *Reading splits points with the newly formed club in first-ever meeting*

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP, NJ (June 16, 2021) – Reading United was unable to hang onto two separate leads in both halves, needing to split the points with Real Central Jersey (RCNJ) on the road Wednesday night in a 2-2 draw. With the tie, both teams moved to 1-5-2 on the season.

Reading poured on the pressure early, creating multiple chances that either forced a save or narrowly missed the crossbar. United finally broke through in the 32nd minute, as a Ryan Becher shot was parried aside onto the foot of Raimondo Partito for the 1-0 advantage. The goal was Partito's first of the season.

The lead would be short lived, as a handball in the box gave RCNJ a free look at knotting the game at one. The expansion-side converted just before the halftime whistle for a 1-1 stalemate entering the break.

The two sides exchanged waves of pressure before Reading struck again. Just seconds after entering the game in the 80th minute, Jake Gosselin found twine off a quick throw-in for a 2-1 lead. RCNJ responded immediately just a minute later, tying the game at 2-2 for the final score.

Ryan Becher and Aiden Weaver led the team with two shots each. Carson Williams made five stops in net for Reading. Both sides took eight shots in the draw.

Reading gets back at it on Saturday evening, travelling down to Leesburg, VA for a matchup against the upstart Northern Virginia FC. Kickoff is at 7pm and can be viewed at 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 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.