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Reading Records 4th Straight Shutout in 0-0 Road Draw

United defense holds Long Island to zero shots on net; Waite collects third shutout

HEMPSTEAD, NY (June 9, 2019) - In a much dryer affair than the rescheduled Wednesday evening game would've been, both Reading United and Long Island Rough Riders struggled to get started offensively. Reading managed the game's only shots on frame in a 0-0 draw at Hofstra University.

Playing their second game in less than 24 hours, Reading came out with a completely different starting lineup than the night before. The lack of playing time with this unit was a bit stifling on the offensive side, as the last game a similar lineup was placed on the field was 12 days earlier in a 1-0 victory over Cedar Stars Rush. A planned break the previous weekend and rescheduled match against Long Island during the week spelled Reading United for longer than anticipated to open the USL League Two season.

One thing that hadn't changed was Reading's steely resolve on defense. A smothering defensive unit impressed on the road against the Rough Riders, holding the Long Island squad to zero shots on frame. Jahmali Waite, the goalkeeping nominee on the most recent USL Team of the Week, collected his third shutout in three starts. Only Tormenta FC 2's Sawyer Gaffney can claim the same stat line with at least three starts.

The match was Reading United's 24th consecutive regular season game without a loss in USL League Two play. In their past 32 regular season games, Reading United has gone 28-1-3. Dating back even further to July 2nd, 2016, Reading is 33-2-3 in their last 38 regular season matches.

Reading will be on the road for the fifth time in seven games, facing an FA Euro squad that has already been downed once by the Blue and Gold. The 3-0 victory over FA Euro snapped a three game unbeaten streak for the Brooklyn-based side, who have been solid, albeit unspectacular at home. FA Euro has collected three ties to their credit in four home dates, which still keeps them firmly in the Mid Atlantic Division pack, which is bookended by Reading United's 16 points and Evergreen's 1.

Reading returns home for Kicks Against Cancer Night on Saturday, June 15th against Ocean City Nor'easters. The 7pm kickoff will feature the team wearing special black and gold jerseys to support the Anthony Myers Fund. The



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jerseys will be auctioned off during the game, with proceeds benefiting the Berks Catholic football player's charity efforts.

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-fourth 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 AC, visit www.readingunitedac.com.



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