



VEC up to Brayzil's revival

VEC FC followed neighbours Terenure FC into the fifth of the UCFL Challenge Cup, after a thrilling game with Brayzil FC at the VEC Grounds on Saturday.

David Spring's men survived a late rally by their Premier Division rivals, squeezing through by 3-2 — despite having been three up at one stage.

It was a brilliant effort from the visitors after the break, and they thought they had grabbed a late equaliser when Justin Dutton fired home — but the referee had already blown for a foul in the build up. VEC hadn't particularly dominated a tight and

keenly contested opening half hour, yet they suddenly found themselves three goals to the good during a devastating six-minute spell towards the end of the first half.

First Alan Taylor began the move for the opening goal with a run down the right, and a good pass to Nicky Perry, who in turn cut in from that side and beat Brayzil keeper Conor Thomas with a fine left-foot shot into the far corner.

Break

Three minutes later it was 2-0 when Taylor himself beat Thomas with a wonderful free-kick from the right side of the penalty area.

The game looked beyond the visitors when VEC grabbed a third nine minutes from the break — again it was from a set piece.

This time Anthony Dunne swung over a corner from the left and Sicco Lansu rose highest in the centre to head the ball past Thomas.

A shell-shocked Brayzil couldn't believe they were 3-0 at half time — but they soon set about reducing the arrears right from the restart.

It took just six minutes for Darragh McGinley to be beaten in the home goal.

A low cross was deflected into the path of David Byrne and his shot went over the line despite the best efforts of Stephen van Loon to keep it out.

If the first goal was a bit of a scramble, the second was an absolute screamer.

Substitute Robbie Ryan picked up a clearance 25 yards out and let fly with a wonderful shot which flew past McGinley and in off the underside of the bar.

There was still 20 minutes left to play, and plenty of time for Brayzil to find an equaliser — but they were playing a risky

VEC FC (3) 3
Nicky Perry 30, Alan Taylor 33, Sicco Lansu 36

BRAYZIL FC (0) 2
David Byrne 51, Robbie Ryan 70

UCFL CHALLENGE CUP
FOURTH ROUND
STEPHEN WRIGHT

game pouring forward as the inevitable gaps appeared at the back.

Perry twice had great chances to make the game safe on the break for VEC in the closing stages.

First he chose to pass to substitute Hygo de Costa Silva rather than take the shot on himself, and the ball was intercepted.

Then when he did decide to shoot with another opportunity he could only watch in horror as his effort struck the outside of a post.

Cheeky

De Costa Silva then had a chance with a cheeky lob over Thomas but Byrne was on hand to clear off the line.

Brayzil hit the woodwork themselves in dramatic fashion when Paul Gunning had a shot which McGinley could only parry to Alan Foxtan — but the defender couldn't believe his luck as his shot hit the post and bounced harmlessly wide.

Dutton was then denied an equaliser when John Kinch found him with a free-kick, but referee Paddy Dunne had seen a foul on the edge of the box, and had already blown his whistle before the ball hit the net.

VEC FC: Darragh McGinley, Brian Quinn, Stephen van Loon, Peter Morrissey, Michael Keating, Neil Spring, Paul O'Sullivan, Alan Taylor, Sicco Lansu, Nick Perry, Anthony Dunne. Subs: Dara Doherty, Cathal O'Donnell, Marco Prudencio, Rory O'Dwyer, Hygo De Costa Silva.

BRAYZIL FC: Conor Thomas, Vinny McHugh, Alan Foxtan, David Byrne, Coim Doyle, Dave Harvey, Alan Dutton, Graham Murphy, Justin Dutton, Johnny Kinch, Keith Kelly. Subs: Robbie Ryan, Conor Casey, Paul Gunning, Keith Hillick, Eoin Hannon.
REFEREE: Paddy Dunne

UCFL RESULTS AND TABLES

Leinster Junior Shield
Glasnaoin F.C. 3-2 Killeigh Ram

Ucfl Challenge Cup - 3rd Round
Strand Utd. Off Clontarf Ailesbury

Ucfl Challenge Cup - 4th Round
Vec F.C. 3-2 Brayzil F.C.
Terenure F.C. 3-0 Glen Oaks
Emerald Celtic 0-1 Greystones U

Mmi Cup - 2nd Round
PH. Utd. Off Orchard Cel.
Glennamure R 2-3 Amber Celtic
Clontarf Ailesb 4-0 Vec 2nds
Leixlip Town 0-1 San Marino

Sidney Bedlow Cup - 2nd Round

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Trinity Corinthians	11	9	0	2	27
VEC F.C.	7	5	1	1	16
Brayzil F.C.	8	4	1	3	13
Strand Utd.	7	4	0	3	12
Sportslink F.C.	10	3	2	5	11
Clontarf Ailesbury U5	3	1	1	1	10
Lucan Utd.	7	3	1	3	10
Schalke Rovers	10	3	1	6	10
Orchard Celtic	7	2	2	3	8
Glasnaoin FC	7	2	1	4	7
Parkhead Celtic	9	1	0	8	3

Division One

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Brayzil FC 2nds	13	9	2	2	29
Lower Crumlin FC	13	7	3	3	24
Clontarf Athletic	10	6	1	3	19
Strand Utd. 2nds	11	5	1	5	16
Balally Celtic	8	4	2	2	14
Greystones Utd	8	4	0	4	12
Terenure F.C.	10	3	3	4	12
Sandyford Rovers	10	3	1	6	10
St. Canice's Utd.	10	2	2	6	8
St. Mary's F.C.	11	1	4	6	7

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	Pts
San Marino F.C.	7	6	0	1	18
Aston Village	10	5	2	3	17
Stedfast Utd.	6	5	1	0	16
VEC 2nds	10	4	4	2	16
Dollymount 2nds	9	3	3	3	12
Leixlip Town	4	3	1	0	10
Castle Rovers	9	2	3	4	9
Harding F.C.	10	0	8	2	8
Claremont Rangers	10	1	3	6	6
Fingal Utd.	9	1	3	5	6
St. Mark's F.C.	10	0	6	4	6