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Mixed bag for city sides in Michael Byrne Cup



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Soccer Wrap with Mike Rafferty

Mervue United shocked Salthill Devon in last year's Michael Byrne Cup final to derby Victor Collins' side a hat-trick of trophies, with the Seaside having already won the league and Connacht Junior Cup.

Twelve months on, there was no sign of an upset on Tuesday night when they this year's competition in Fahy's Field as Devon prevailed by 2-1. Scoreless at the break, the visitors took a two-goal advantage through Vinny Faherty and Matthew Barrett, before Stephen Larkin pulled back a late consolation for the home side.

Knocknacarra were the night's biggest winners as they defeated Craughwell United 6-1 with Ronan Greaney notching a hat-trick, as further efforts by Darcy Mbiajeu Ngodjo (2) and Eddie Bennett sealed the home side's success.

The win set up an away game against Colemanstown United, after they defeated University of Galway 5-4 on penalties, after their contest finished level at 1-1 following extra time. Damien Wynne and Dave Mooney exchanged the goals in normal time.

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Maree/Oranmore were another side who advanced on penalties as they were spot on with all five efforts as they saw off Renmore 5-4 after the sides finished level at 4-4 following extra time. Aaron Molloy and Malachy Black both scored twice for the home side who were three up at one stage, before the City side staged a great recovery, with Keith Fitzgerald (2), Sam Omokua, and an own goal registering their scores.

Colga had to come from behind before seeing off 10-man Loughrea 4-1. A Bruno Henrique goal gave the home side an interval advantage, before Boris Ajang and Neil Greaney both scored twice for the visitors. The win sets up a home contest against Athenry in the next round next Wednesday night.

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