

# SENTINEL SPORT



## Celebration time for Renmore thanks to Walsh's late goal

RENMORE.....2  
HIBERNIANS.....2

THE champagne had already been taken out of the ice bucket and was ready to go back into the press to await another suitable occasion as the home side trailed 2-1.

Over the years Renmore had suffered some cruel setbacks and at some stage fate had to deal a kind hand to them. The huge crowd waited with bated breath as the watch ran well into injury time when Hibernians conceded a needless free kick on half way.

It almost took an eternity to reach the back stick where skipper, John Walsh used some part of his body to bundle it over the line.

Two-two, as parity was achieved and after the pitch was cleared, following the natural invasion, Renmore had to endure five minutes of injury.

The long whistle from excellent referee, Pat Barry brought more even jubilant celebrations as Renmore celebrated the first ever league title after 23 years of trying.

Clashes between Renmore and Hibernians in recent years have all been close, but it was the Bohermore side who had the better of the meetings.

It is ironic then that Sunday's goalscorers were central defenders, Noel Greaney and John Walsh, the same pair that scored when Renmore achieved their last success over Hibernians in the FAI Junior Cup two seasons ago.

The game itself only came to life in the last quarter as the opening hour was fairly evenly balanced between two sides committed to attack. Half chances were created at both ends but neither Martin Greaney nor Mark Philbin were over extended.

As both sides competed for every ball the breakthrough arrived on 65 minutes. A long pass into the Renmore half put Noel Greaney under pressure and as he underhit the back pass to his keeper Paul Langan nipped in to slip the opener under Greaney's body.

While things were going badly for Renmore during this time, as Hibernians were in the ascendancy, they suffered a double blow on 73 minutes. The normally placid David Samuels received a second yellow card for a needless ankle tap on Tommy Ward and the home side were down to 10 men.

Johnny Walsh swung in the free kick and Robert Healy powered home a header at the far post. Hibernians, two up, were in control.

It was now Renmore's turn to answer all those "bridesmaids and never lacking bottle" remarks. They showed great courage, commitment and no little skill to play their way back into it.

On 77 minutes Owen Noone's left wing corner was cleared for another and this time Ciaran Conneely's delivery found a willing



RENMORE - Heineken Brod Trill winners for the first time in their history. Back row, left to right: Eoin Noone, Noel Greaney, Martin Greaney, Ciaran Conneely, David Samuels, Mike Noone. Front row, left to right: Eamonn O'Shea, Benny Fahy, John Walsh (capt), Steve Byrne, Alan Corcoran.

colleague as Noel Greaney fired it home.

O'Connell, Corcoran, Conneely, Fahy and Molloy were all denied before the next turning point on 81 minutes when Hibernians Tommy Ward, not long on the park, was given the red card after a difference of opinion with the referee.

As Alan Corcoran, Eoin Noone, Martin Devlin and Johnny Walsh powered their respective sides forward both keepers had to extend themselves as play swung from end to end.

By 92 minutes Hibernians seemed to have got the win necessary as they strove manfully and skilfully to make it a hat-trick of titles. The defending title holders were playing like champions when a terrible lack of discipline was to cost them the title.

The ball was well into the Renmore half when previous hero, Robert Healy committed an off the ball offence on Philip Jacobsen. He was lucky to escape with just a booking as Steve Byrne floated the free kick in from almost half way.

Skipper Walsh was perfectly positioned and all alone as he got it across the line. History — the Premier title at last belonged to Renmore.

Renmore: Greaney (M), Byrne, Walsh, Greaney (N), Samuels, Noone (E), Corcoran, Noone (M), Conneely, Fahy, O'Shea. Reserves: Molloy for Noone (M), 75 minutes; Jacobsen for Fahy (87 minutes).

Hibernians: Philbin, Griffin, Healy, Flaherty, O'Loughlin, O'Connell, Devlin, Walsh, Ward (E), Langan, O'Mahony.

Reserves: Ward (T) for Ward (E), 59 minutes; Casserly for O'Mahony (81 minutes). Referee: Pat Barry.

### Junior finals

A LARGE crowd is expected in Terryland Park this evening as Colmanstown United and Dunmore Town meet with the Division 2B North Cup at stake. Kick-off 7 p.m.

The sides finished joint second, a point behind League winners Corofin United and little separated them in previous meetings.

Dunmore's last visit to Terryland was for the Schweppes Cup in the seventies while Colmanstown have no recent cup victories to their credit either.

Another close tie is anticipated and while Colmanstown will

be short Gerry Moran, Sean Mannion and Gary O'Grady, maybe they will make up for the promotion failure with victory here.

Meanwhile, OLBC will contest their third cup final in four years when they meet McDara in the final of the Jack Lillis Cup on Thursday in Terryland Park. Kick-off 7 p.m.

Club with Ward, O'Halloran and Curran regularly popping in the goals will fancy their chances against a McDara side who shocked league winners Moyne Villa 3-1 on penalties after the tie had finished scoreless after extra-time.



HIBERNIANS - Heineken Brod Trill Premier League runners-up following their 2-2 draw with Renmore on Sunday, back row, left to right: Frank Doherty (Manager), Brian Murray, Robert Healy, Brian O'Mahony, Mark Philbin, Vinny Flaherty, Peter Casserly, Padraigh Doherty (Asst. Manager). Front row, left to right: Johnny Walsh, Eddie Ward, Brian Griffin, Martin Devlin (capt), Derek O'Loughlin.

### Mervue United Lotto

Numbers drawn 1, 13, 15, 19

NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK

14 MATCH 3's - £10 EACH

Christy O'Meara c/o Declan McDonnell. Billy Kavanagh c/o Digital. Derek Crowe c/o Galway United. Rynal Browne c/o Thermo King. D. Vaughan, 19 Cardinal Cushing Road, Mervue. Ann Moore, Corrandulla. Joe Hoarde c/o Coens. P.J. Duggan c/o Value Centre. Elish Chambers, 3 St. James Crescent, Mervue. Marcella Gardiner, 24 Tara Grove. Paul Warde, 135 Castle Park, Ballybane. Francis Spelman, 6 Barry Ave., Mervue. Des Caden, 28 Elm Park, Renmore. Mary McDonagh, 47 St. James Crescent, Mervue.

Draw for Weekend Away or £300 - Week 4

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S. O'Connell c/o Declan McDonnell.

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