

SENTINEL SPORT



Salthill Devon stunned by late Renmore winner

THE Moonson season put paid to the vast majority of the weekend's soccer action as most grounds were flooded and unplayable.

However, Miller's Lane was in superb condition and the action brought contrasting fortunes for the clubs' sides.

The Salthill Devon Connacht Senior League side made a surprise exit from the AIB Connacht Senior Cup as Renmore secured a late matchwinner while, in contrast, the club's junior side maintained their promotion push with a win over Oranmore.

Just two games survived in the Brod Trill Premier League with Bohemians and Crescent United securing wins over Kiltullagh Pioneers and Hibernians.

In the SFAI Norton Cup (under 12), Newcastle United's Stephen O'Donnell hit the target four times as the club won 5-2 and advanced to meet Belvedere in the quarter-finals.

League Secretary, Art Friel confirmed that the Connacht Junior Cup Final between neighbours Mervue United and Crescent United will take place in Terryland Park on Sunday, March 22 with a 3.00 p.m. kick off.

Salthill Devon.....0
Renmore1
Showing a greater desire to

win the holders of the AIB Connacht Senior Cup Renmore repeated last season's final victory with a smash and grab matchwinner six minutes from time at Miller's Lane on Sunday.

It was the trusty left foot of the talented Ciaran Conneely who grabbed the vital goal after a series of Renmore chances had gone abegging.

Throughout a competitive second half, it was Salthill Devon who enjoyed the majority of possession but seldom threatened Martin Greaney's goal.

At the other end, Renmore got fewer chances but they were more clear cut and only poor finishing denied them taking an early lead.

Defences were always on top with Eamon Sherlock and Damien Murphy for Devon and Noel Greaney and John Walsh all on top of their game.

The second half was much more productive than the first and just after the restart shots by Eoin Keane and Anthony Kelly were off target before Talbot brought a fine save from Greaney.

very much against the run of play, Renmore snatched the

matchwinner, Fahy, in spite of his failings in front of goal, was always available to link up with his colleagues and from his pass Conneely took on Holland who tracked him almost to the end line but from the narrowest of angles he squeezed his effort over the line.

Renmore now face the winners of Mervue United and Castlebar Celtic in the semi-final.

Salthill Devon: Holland, Silke, Sheridan, Murphy, Walsh, Cox, Kelly, Kent, McDonald, Talbot, Sherlock.

Reserve: Fitzpatrick for Silke.

Renmore: M. Greaney, Joyce, Noone, Walsh, N. Greaney, Carr, Flaherty, Keane, Corcoran, Gallagher, Conneely.

Reserves: Fahy for Corcoran, Molloy for Gallagher. Referee: Tom Staunton.

PREMIER DIVISION

Crescent United.....3
Hibernians.....1
A game switched from Bohermore to their own grounds in Mervue solved two problems. Crescent as a result of their win have leapfrogged over Hibernians

away from the lower regions of the league and should not now become involved in a bottom of the table struggle.

Hibernians, meanwhile, have slipped to fourth from bottom and while games in hand should ensure that they will not be embroiled in a relegation battle, they have also lost any outside chance of catching leaders renmore.

The game itself was tied 1-1 at half-time as John Keogh put the home side in front before Johnny Walsh secured the equaliser from the penalty spot after a hand ball in the area.

However second half goals from Liam Keane and a second from Keogh ensured the points stayed at home with Crescent United.

FIRST DIVISION

Salthill Devon.....2
Oranmore.....0

The destiny of the First Division title is now in the hands of Salthill Devon as they now lead second placed MacDara by two points with both sides having just two games to play.

They look the likely duo for promotion unless NUI Galway, with six games in hand, win all their remaining matches to overtake them.

Devon, who led 1-0 at half-time courtesy of a Joe Tracy header, had keeper John O'Flaherty to thank for keeping

them in the game with a fine save from Murt Fahy.

They confirmed the points after the break when the busy PJ Kelly converted from the penalty spot after Eamon O'Shea was taken down in the area.

YOUTH & SCHOOLBOY

Newcastle United.....5
Wexford Albion.....2
Five two it finished at Westside but the goals could have reached double figures if both sides had taken even a small amount of the chances on offer.

No doubt Newcastle were by far the better and busier side and it was to them that the majority of chances fell in the SFAI Norton Cup tie.

However while many went abegging striker Stephen O'Donnell proved he had an eye for goal as he notched an early hat-trick to put the home side 3-0 in front.

Wexford, who had missed a penalty from Ian Fitzpatrick when the game was scoreless, pulled one back as the latter atoned for his earlier miss.

However, with Pdraig Lee and Niall Coyne on top in midfield and the busy number ten, Declan Murphy and O'Donnell causing all sorts of problems up front it was only a matter of time before Newcastle increased their tally. Lee with a run from halfway

and O'Donnell with his fourth made it 5-1 before Fitzgerald pulled one back for Albion.

The Wexford side failed with their second penalty of the afternoon when Ray Stafford failed to get his effort past Tom Durnin.

St. Bernard's.....1
Newcastle United.....6
Declan Doherty was the four goal hero as Newcastle United advanced in the under 14 Cup at Abbeyknockmoy on Saturday.

Jason Moran and Alan Raftery notched the other goals for an easy success.

Castlebar Celtic.....0
U.C.G.....2
U.C.G. maintained their push towards the top of the Foley and Mullery Connacht Senior League as two second half goals saw off the home challenge.

A fine strike by Ger Cassidy from outside the area put the students in front. However Castlebar were presented with a great opportunity to secure an equaliser but striker Kevin Ryan was off target from the penalty spot.

Nine minutes from time U.C.G. were given a similar chance to increase their tally and Kieran Foley made no mistake firing past Declan Kilkelly after Shane O'Loughlin was taken down in the area.

Compiled by Mike Raftery



At a reception in the Sacre Coeur Hotel to announce details of Daffodil Day in aid of the Irish Cancer Society, were (seated): Jackie Killeavy and Bernie Devery. Standing from left: Angela Fahy, Patricia Murphy, Elaine Diskin, Geraldine Lyons, Lorraine Conroy and Carol Durnin.

Special trains for club finals

IARNRÓD Éireann will operate two special trains to Dublin to cater for supporters going to Dublin on St. Patrick's Day. A train will depart Athenry at 09.30 hours serving Attymon at 09.40 hours, Woodlawn at 09.50 hours and Ballinasloe at 10.00 hours and will arrive in Connolly Station in Amiens Street at 12.00 hours. This train will return at 17.30 hours from Connolly Station. This train will serve the Sarsfields supporters.

A second train will depart Galway at 09.45 hours serving Athenry at 10.00 hours, and will arrive at Connolly Station in Amiens Street at 12.30 hours. This train will suit supporters of Corofin.

In the interest of customer comfort, intending passengers for both these special trains will be required to advance purchase their travel tickets.

Tickets for these special trains are strictly limited and will be sold on a first-come, first served basis and will be on sale at Iarnród Stations from today (Tuesday, March 10) in Galway, Athenry and Ballinasloe. To facilitate Sarsfields supporters tickets will also be on sale at Woodlawn on Saturday, March 14th from 12.00 to 16.00 hours (4.00 p.m.)

Knocknacarra F.C.



Gala Race Night

Monday, 16th March, '98

Spinnaker House Hotel

TOTE OPENS 8 P.M.
1st Race 9 p.m.



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Next Week's Jackpot £1,900 **13-14**
15-23

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2 match 3's £50 each: Paul Mulkerrins, Mincloon, Rahoon; Lena Griffin, Mincloon, Rahoon.
Sellers prize: Martin Curran £25.

Next Week's Draw in Kelehans, Bushypark

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Connacht Cup final on Sunday week

THE final of the Connacht Junior Cup final will be played at Terryland Park on Sunday week, March 22 at 3 p.m. Two Galway clubs Mervue United and Crescent United are the finalists and this should attract a huge crowd.