

Renmore's Lone Goal Enough For Cup Win

RENMORE 1
MERVUE 0

THE only goal of the game won the Hubert Higgins Cup for Renmore in the final at the Headford Road pitch on Sunday morning. Played in ideal weather conditions the game produced passages of good football that kept the large crowd's interest right to the final whistle.

The game started at a hectic pace with Mervue settling quickly and having the better of the early exchanges. After only fifteen minutes Healy, the Renmore full-back, did well to head clear off the line.

This let-off seemed to shake the winners into greater urgency. A long clearance by Healy got Gaffney clear but the ball did not bounce favourably for him and the chance was lost.

Fallon for Mervue at the other end had a half chance well saved by Greaney shortly before the half-time whistle.

On the resumption Renmore carried the fight to Mervue. A good free kick by Nolan went just wide of an upright, and then Holian after a good run saw his shot go just over the top.

At the other end Shaughnessy had an effort well saved by Greaney. With twenty minutes left in the game the all-important goal arrived.

Gaffney, the youngest player on the field at fifteen years of age and who was having an excellent game on the wing, received the ball about twenty-five yards from the Mervue goal, turned and beat his man to give Halpin in the Mervue goal no chance.

A few minutes later it could have been number two when lovely wing play by Holian found Donovan unmarked, but from five yards his effort skimmed an upright and went wide.

Mervue, with time running out on them, came back again and, from a corner on the right, Cahill with a header missed a good chance. The final whistle sounded shortly afterwards.

Bernard Shapiro, Chairman of the Galway Juvenile and Youth Committee, presented the Hubert Higgins Cup to Stuart Healy, captain of the Renmore team, and thanked both sides for serving up such a fine game of football. He also expressed the hope that the rivalry between the two clubs would always

remain in a sporting manner. He also thanked the officials, Pat Browne, referee, and linesmen Patsy Devlin and Noel Mulqueen.

Renmore: M. Greaney, S. Healy, F. Sheridan, J. Nolan, P. McDonald, T. Kelly, J. Naughton, W. Power, A. Gaffney, J. Donovan, K. Holian. Reserves: A. Reen, P. Langan, F. Connolly, M. Kavanagh and K. McCaffrey.

Mervue: Halpin, Kilgannon, Shaughnessy, Healy, O'Connor, Healy, Fallon, Hanniffy, Shaughnessy, Finnerty and O'Brien.