



The victorious Wards team.



The runners-up Hughes.

Wards Retain League Cup

Wards (Hotel) retained the Pub Soccer League Cup which this year was sponsored by Smithwicks. The final was played before a large crowd at Mervue Pitch where Wards met a fancied Hughes side and eventually won by 3 goals to 1 after a well-fought and sporting game.

Both sides took a while to settle on the big pitch but nevertheless served up some good football.

Hughes looked the more progressive side early on with Jerry Horan playing well at outside left and Des Fahy at outside right.

Hughes took the lead after 15 minutes with a great goal from Milley McGrath and they held onto this lead until the interval. The second half began with Wards looking for an equaliser but Hughes were also doing quite a bit of attacking in an effort to increase their lead.

Three minutes from time Wards equalised after constant pressure when from a Noel Burke corner on the right Shay McManus headed home a good goal.

It took two periods of extra-time to decide the issue and it was Wards who broke the deadlock with a goal from J. Neary and minutes from time Noel Burke wrapped the game up with another goal for Wards.

Noel Lennon handled the game with great efficiency.

A night-out was held in the Galway Rowing Club and was enjoyed by both sides and their supporters.

Renmore Win

RENMORE 3
OLBC 2

Pushed hard in the closing stages OLBC faltered to let Renmore take both points in this under 13 League game.

Both sides started well and each forward line had chances to take the lead. Renmore settled better and were committed in their attack, yet they only scored once in the second half. This was a well taken goal by Ml. Noone who found plenty of space after R. Walsh had drawn the defence to the right.

Early in the second half Renmore increased their lead with a penalty scored again by the same man. This gave Renmore a sense of security which was nearly their downfall. The whole team seemed to lose their concentration and their defence became non-existent. Club in the 35th minute lobbed up the Renmore defence and J. Flynn following up gave H. Burns no chance in the Renmore goal. Before Renmore knew what hit them Club were back again with the same move and D. Cunningham ran on to a long overhead ball to make it level at 2-2.

Renmore got themselves back into the game and put heavy pressure on Clubs defence where D. Sullivan and J. Tyrrell were clearing well with the situation but a slip let Renmore in at the last minute for M. Melia to score the winner.

For Renmore J. Burke and A. Knight were good in defence while up front Ken Walsh had a good game and with support from O'Mahony caused untold trouble.

OLBC: S. Collieran, S. Conlon, D. Sullivan, J. Tyrrell, F. Kelly, M. McDermott, D. Geraghty, B. Connelly, T. Healy, J. Flynn, D. Cunningham, G. Connor.

Renmore: H. Burns, E. Divilly, A. Knight, J. Burke, C. Benson, R. Duffy, K. Walsh, D. McCaffrey, M. Melia, B. O'Mahony, B. Geary, N. O'Riordan, Ml. Noone.

Ref. G. Murphy.



Mr. Jimmy Ward, Area Sales Representative presenting the Smithwicks Cup to the captain of Wards, Kieran O'Mahoney after their victory over Hughes in the League Final. Tankards were also presented to the winning team and runners-up also sponsored by Smithwicks. Also in the picture is Mr. Andy King, Secretary of the Pub League Committee.

Renmore And Shamrocks All Square

CORRIB SHAMROCKS 2
SALTHILL/DEVON 0

A great first half display by the team as a whole paved the way for this Corrib Shamrocks victory in the first round of the Castleconnor Cup (under-13 Connacht Cup) played in Newcastle on Sunday morning last.

Ronan Killeen and Kevin McDonnell dominated the midfield exchanges right through the first half and as a result the Corrib front runners were in action most of the time. Ronan Kavanagh at outside left was a real thorn in the side of the Salthill defence. Time and again he weaved his way through them and but for some poor shooting in front of goal the game might well have been over as a contest at the interval.

Half way through the half Kevin McDonnell found the boot of Ronan Killeen with a long throw in and Killeen first time the ball to the net from about twenty-five yards. Shamrocks came close to stretching their lead many times before the interval.

Salthill came more into the game in the second half. Corrib faded in midfield and as a result their opponents began causing trouble for the first time in the game. It looked for a time that Salthill would equalise but the Shamrocks defence withstood everything that Salthill could throw at them.

Corrib regained their midfield grip in the last ten minutes and with five minutes to go Ronan Kavanagh sealed the issue for Shamrocks with a very good goal.

Adrian Brennan was superb in the Corrib goal. In defence Ciaran Flaherty, Paul O'Neill and Sean Fadden were outstanding. In midfield Ronan Killeen showed what a glutton he is for work and was ably assisted by Kevin McDonnell and Francis Gilligan.

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Up front Ronan Kavanagh had a 'blinder' and he got good support from Paul Reidy.

Tony Haddock, the Salthill left full back stood head and shoulder above the rest of his team-mates. But for his outstanding display in the defence Shamrocks win would have been far more convincing. Others to impress were, Alan Mulholland, John Kilraine, Sean Curran and John Brennan (in the second half).

Referee: Ivor Gleeson.

RENMORE UNITED 1
CORRIB SHAMROCKS 1

Extra-time failed to separate these teams in this Joe Wickham Cup first round tie played in Renmore on Saturday morning last. Both teams were very evenly matched and neither side got into the 'driving seat' at any stage in the game.

Both defences were strong and they gave the opposing forwards few chances to score. Half way through the first half John Glynn shot Shamrocks into the lead from a free about thirty yards out. Ten minutes later Francis Power equalised for Renmore.

Both sides had chances in the second half but failed to convert them into scores. Renmore got on top in extra-time and plenty of chances to win the game. Best for Shamrocks were Matthias Hynes, John Glynn, Peter Carpenter and Paul Ainsworth. Renmore were best served by Cathal Lyons, Brian O'Neill, Stuart Elwood and Eamon Ray.

Referee: Bernard O'Connell.

Juvenile Soccer Fixtures

JOE WICKHAM CUP

Corrib Shamrocks v Renmore United (replay), Sunday at 12 noon in Newcastle.

JIM MURPHY CUP

Headford v Bohemians, Saturday at 3 p.m. in Headford.
Crescent United v Mervue United, Monday, Oct. 26th at 3.30 p.m. in Mervue.

PEPSI COLA CUP

Salthill/Devon v Bohemians, Sunday at 12 noon in Bohemian Park.
Mervue United v OLBC, Sunday at 11 a.m. in Mervue.
Renmore United v Crescent United, Monday, Oct. 26th at 12 noon in Renmore.

UNDER 13 LEAGUE

Corrib Shamrocks v Corrib Rangers, Saturday at 3.30 p.m. in Newcastle.
Mervue United v Salthill Devon, Monday, Oct. 26th at 2 p.m. in Mervue.
West United v Crescent United, Sunday at 12 noon in West Park.
Bohemians v Tuam Celtic, Monday, Oct. 26th at 3 p.m. in Bohemian Park.
Renmore United v Hibernians, Saturday at 12 noon in West Park.

West United Come From Behind To Win

WEST UNITED 3
THERMO KING 1

This first round FAI Junior Cup game turned out to be a very entertaining affair with both sides committed to attack from the start. Thermo dominated the early exchanges and went into a deserved lead after 10 minutes when Martin Casserley picked up a through ball from Tom Power and scored with a well placed shot to the 'keepers right. This early setback shook the West lads and when they did get going they found the Thermo defence in stubborn form. After 20 minutes a Peter Mernagh cross found Michael Heaney free at the far post but his bullet like shot was brilliantly pushed behind by Peter Power in the Thermo goal.

West now took control at midfield but they relied too much on the long ball leaving George Hanley the simple task of cleaning up anything J. Hynes, P. Greaney and K. Flaherty missed.

West nearly equalised 10 minutes before half time when Noel Flaherty found Gerry Curran free in the middle and his through ball beat

the Thermo sweeper for the first time but left winger Peter Mernagh shot over when it seemed easier to score.

West remained the aggressors in the second half and were on terms after 10 minutes. Mernagh got by the tight marking John Hynes and crossed from the endline, Mike Heaney got on the end of the cross and headed, fiercely past Power. Ten minutes later they were ahead. Ger Connell forced a corner on the right and from Mernagh's cross Paul Fallon headed a great goal to leave his workmates reeling. Number three was a fine opportunist effort from substitute Stephen Lally who poked home a low cross from Willie Conneely. Thermo pushed Power and Hanley forward to try and salvage something in the last few minutes.

Power did get through on one occasion but a timely tackle by Ollie Walsh averted the danger. This was a good entertaining game for the small crowd who attended and this was due in no small way to the expertise of referee Gerry Younger who never put a foot wrong and was always up with the play.

Stephen Lally Shines In Youth Cup Victory

WEST UNITED 3
MERVUE UNITED 1

This Connacht Youth Cup first round tie might have come a bit early for both sides but they served up some excellent football in near perfect conditions at West Park. Both sides played flat out for the eighty minutes and one always felt that while something had to give eventually, that one goal might settle it. When the breaks did come it was West's man of the match, Stephen Lally who helped himself to two fine individual goals and in between Niall McConn for West and Michael Shaughnessy for Mervue swapped goals.

The game opened with West going straight into attack with Lally, Mernagh and new boy Johnny Walsh showing up well in midfield. They threatened in the 10th minute when Mernagh set up McConn but he shot over from 20 yards. This shook Mervue and their midfield players Jo Jo Healy and Kevin Fallon suddenly asserted themselves and provided a good supply of ball to their front three Long, N. Shaughnessy and Fitzgerald, only to find McNamee, Murphy, Cooke and D. Walsh in no mood to concede an easy goal.

When it did Lally was on hand to pick up the loose ball and hammer a great left footed shot just inside Ger Higgins' right hand post. The scent of victory inspired West and when Tony Kings cross beat the Mervue 'keeper Tommy Higgins managed to send the ball wide from three yards.

Almost immediately Jo Jo Healy set up Kevin Fallon and his well hit shot was saved by O'Toole at the second attempt. The West attack was now playing with purpose and they went further ahead after 20 minutes of the half when the Mervue defence failed to cut out Mernagh's cross, McConn was on hand to volley the ball to the roof of the net. Mervue are never beaten until the final whistle and they were back in the game five minutes later when Murphy felled Fallon in the box while trying to clear his lines. Mike Shaughnessy made no mistake from thue spot with a well struck penalty.

West showed a lot of character in the closing 15 minutes after losing D. Walsh with an injury and Noel Mernagh kept his side going by involving himself in every part of his own half. With time running out Mervue pushed everyone forward only to be caught on the break by the alert West forwards. A long clearance by Murphy was headed on by McConn and Lally ran through to place a good shot past the advancing Higgins.

Almost immediately the referee blew for full time to end a really fine game.

OLBC Advance In FAI Junior Cup

OLBC 2
TOUREEN TORNADOS 0

Our Ladys Boys Club advanced to the second round of the FAI Junior Cup in a closely contested affair played on Sunday afternoon in Renmore. A swirling breeze made conditions very bad for good football and it is a credit to both sides that they served up such entertaining fare.

Boys Club started well and their front three of James Abberton, Murt Fahy and Gerry Beatty tested the Toureen goalie Patrick Gannon in the first ten minutes. The nearest they came to scoring in this early period was when Fahy played a through ball and full back Tommy

Sullivan recovered to clear for a corner. The deadlock was finally broken in the 25th minute when Boys Club full back Jimmy Howley took a corner which was misjudged by Toureen centre half Johnny Barrett and keeper Gannon and ended up in the back of the net. Following this goal Boys Club really turned on the pressure and with the midfield trio of Ryan, Burke and Finnerty completely over-running their opposite numbers, they were decidedly unlucky to go in at half time with just one goal to their credit. Toureen Tornados came out in the second half intent on an equaliser and their main strikers Patrick Larkin and Myles McDonagh linked up on a few occasions but the Boys Club back

four of Lynch, Cleary, O'Connor and Howley deal' capably with the attacks. Toureen almost equalised in the twenty fifth minute when following a foul on Larkin they were awarded a free outside the box. Midfield David Russell hit a thunderbolt shot which just went the 'wrong side of the post. Boys Club finally wrapped up this game, when, with 10 minutes remaining, and following good work by Ryan and Lynch the ball was played through to Murt Fahy and the centre forward beat two men before pushing the ball past a helpless Gannon in goal.

Best for Boys Club were Doherty, Ryan, Lynch and substitute Molloy, while Toureen's hardest triers were Gannon, Barrett, Russell and McDonagh.