By DAVID O'CONNELL

A CUP-TIE situation is always a pressure one, but rarely have a side entered that arena so relaxed and well prepared as Galway United will on Sunday when they take on Shelbourne at Harold's Cross in the F.A.I. Cup quarter-final (kick-off 4.15).

The panel travel to Dublin tomorrow (Saturday) and later in the day will have the entire squad together for a training session at Home Farm's Whitehall ground for only the second time since manager Paddy Mulligan took over at the start of the season.

the main part good. The three work on set-pieces with a full side. does not matter - it is all a matter doubtful starters, Paul Murphy, selection.

Sunday, but the Club have appealed Mulligan yesterday. against his one match ban to the total - it was thought that his last continued. booking only brought him to 16 disciplinary points not 20.

Miko Nolan has been out for the past three games with a log injury. but according to Mulligan he should be fit for Sunday.

Nolan's probable return is particularly welcome, as his strength has been missed in midfield in recent weeks.

If 'flu victim Paul Murphy passes a fitness test on Saturday evening in Dublin Galway should then have a full panel to choose from. Murphy spent this week in hospital and he was discharged yesterday.

Impressive

In recent weeks, the Galway have looked very impressive. Brian Gardiner and Denis Bonner have formed a very sound partnership in the centre of that defence, and while Gerry Daly may not be producing his top form of late. Jimmy Nolan on the other side has been doing exceptionally well. His tackling and telling runs forward have brought suitable

reward in recent games. The availability of John Mannion is also a welcome one. The former Athlone player was outstanding against Sligo Rovers last Sunday, and on form complements Miko Notan in midfield.

Up front the return to form of Brian Duff is something that must instill a strong sense of fear in all opposing defenders. His two goals last Sunday against Sligo will set him in good form for Sunday's test. It is never easy to beat a Dublinbased side in Dublin, but Galway United's preparatins for Sunday give them every chance. Although Shelbourne are close to the top of the table, Galway have nothing to fear from them, as they discovered in the pre-Christmas league game at the same venue.

On that occasion United ran Shels ragged for much of the first half, only to concede a silly goal in the second half. In spite of that goal they still held out with ten men -Paul Murphy was sent off - and were more than deserving of the point they garnered.

Panel of Sixteen

Paddy Mulligan has named a panel of sixteen for Sunday's game and Stephen Lally, recovering from a broken leg sustained at the beginning of the season will travel with the panel.

Laffy, undoubtedly one of the finest prospects seen at Terryland in says. some time, suffered the injury as a result of a clumsy tackle by a Finn-Harps player.

His leg is now out of plaster, but it will be next season before he is available again. As a gesture of thanks Mulligan included the former West United player in the travelling squad for Sunday.

The entire squad stay overnight on Saturday at the Gresham Hotel and will have a training session that evening at Whitehall, Goalkeeper Peter Thomas travels from Waterford that evening, and with Duff and Craig both present,

John Mannion and Miko Nolan are not having a full side available for more, and I believe that we are all likely to be available for this type of training, but this more determined", said Mulligan, There were fears that Mannion should help get us into a good frame winners medals in 1965, 66, 67 and would be under suspension for of mind for the following day", said

League's Disciplinary Committee approach for us. All the pressure is more, "In any case Shelhourne and as a result the ban will not be on Shelbourne. We are going to win have not won the Cup since the binding on Sunday. In fact, there is and if we only draw we can take early sixties. So neither side can some doubt as to Mannion's points them in a replay at Terryland", he

More Determined

Last weekend's 2-0 victory over Sligo has meant a significant climb in the league table for United, and they are now a respectable six from the bottom, easing any relegation worries that they might have had.

The injury news this week was for Mulligan gets a rare opportunity to own hands. In the Cup, league form "It has been a big disadvantage of which side wants to win the Cup session, thanks to Home Farm, who himself won four FAI Cup 69 with Shamrock Rovers.

He does not believe that tradition "However it will just be the usual stands for anything in the Cup any really draw on Cup experience as a factor on Sunday", he said.

"This is completely up to us now. If we really want to win we are more time we played them there, we got a draw at a time when we were finding it difficult to score, and were conceding some very silly goals. That certainly will not happen on Sunday", added Mulligan.

TO CHALLENGE

by JOHN McINTYRE

STEPHEN CRAIG expects Sunday's Cup tie against Shelbourne to be Galway United's 'toughest game' of the season so far but he also believes that they will rise to the challenge.

November, is satisfied with the set over and they are obviously up in his new chib and refuses to showing their appreciation of the accept that his move to Terryland genuine efforts now being made. was a backward step for him.

The talented United midfielder disillusioning affect on him that he corner. contemplated giving up soccer

Paddy Mulligan had in getting him going to be easy but we are capable to transfer to Galway United. "I of beating Shelbourne even on their permanent fixture on the annual have known Paddy for some time home territory." and I was impressed with his professional approach." he says.

Craig is adamant that he did not move to Terryland just to get fixed up with another club quickly. "I gave the matter considerable thought before happily signing along the dotted line."

Now twenty-six. Ctaig is delighted with the progress made by Galway even since he has arrived and he has absolutely no regrets over changing his playing allegiance.

A rugby player of some stature also. Craig is not worried by United's many missed scoring opportunities so far this season. "It would be far more serious if we were not creating the chances," he

"It takes a while for any attack with new faces to function as a unit but I believe that we will eventually sort out the problem and it will all come right in the end."

A Manager of one of Tony Ward's Sports Shops in Dublin, Craig holds out great expectation of Galway United becoming - and not too far away in the future -- a feared force in League of Ireland He is pleased with the level of

local support for Galway United also. "There has been a significant leap in attendances at Terryland page 10 10 10 10 10 10 10

Craig, who joined United last since the new administration took

"Remember, the Galway United supporters have been virtually was transferred from Drogheda success starved since the club was united after a bitter wrangle with formed some years ago and they manager Tony Macken over a new must now feel that the big contract which had such a breakthrough is just around the

He is hopeful that United's progress will be maintained at He is quick to point out the role Harold's Cross on Sunday, "It's not

DEMOCRATS

ALSO MAKE

League team from the city -- Renmore.

Democrats Ladies - was also

this year and did very well, ending

were well situated on the table,

considering their inexperience at

of Team Satzenbrou (10), Marion

(8) and Eagles (6), the latter being

This performance in National

League by a newly formed team is

worthy of the highest praise and is a

good reflection on the standard of

Ladies Basketball in the West. The

other Western Ladies team in the

League was Baltina Pacers, who are

The Galway team is also in the

in the First Division.

relegated.

performing with distinction.

WHILE MOST of the Basketball second round of the National Cup

Division Two of the competition competitive game at the least.



RENMORE A.F.C. 1

THE winners of St. Joseph's Youth Club (Shantalla) Indoor Soccer

League were (front): Peter Coyne and Damien McNamara, and

(standing) Roger Fahy, Joe Potter and Bob Daly, captain.

U.C.G. Pipped

Volleyball Tournament, hosted by

the U.C.G. Volleyball Club was

held in Moneenageisha Community College Sports Hall over the

Twenty teams took part in the

two day event. Seven teams

travelled from Dublin, two from

Maynooth, two from Cork, one

from Limerick, three from

A total of forty matches were

played on Saturday from which

eight teams succeeded in getting

through to the quarter-finals on

The semi-final pairings were.

U.C.D. "A" v U.C.D. "B" and

Sunday.

through to the final.

after an exhausting match.

Galway catendar of events.

High class basketball

Set Out On

Title Defence

Stadium on Saturday next at 4 p.m.

year in successin.

Singing section.

Manchester United

Supporters Club

come and collect their tickets.

U.C.D. captain.

Loughrea and five from Galway.

Quincentennial Mixed

RUNNERS-UP in the St. Joseph's Youth Club (Shantalla) U-13 Years

Indoor Soccer League were: Jonathan Regan and John Walsh

(front), and (standing) Patrick Regan, Gerard Fahy and Pat Feeney.

RENMORE scored the biggest success of their history when defeating neighbours Mervue United in the Fr. Duignan Cup Final at Terryland Park on Sunday afternoon.

The game produced passages of constructive football as both sides attempted to produce open, attacking fare.

U.C.G. "A" v U.C.C. "A", Both Renmore received a boost prior games were very close with U.C.G. to the game when goalkeeper Tom "A" and U.C.D. "A" edging Lally was passed (it to play, despite nursing a chest injury. The final was a very close match

Lally had a relatively quiet with U.C.D. winning the first set, afternoon, although he had to make U.C.G. taking the second and the an excellent save in the second half teams fighting out a third set in to keep Renmore's lead intact. His which U.C.G. came from 3-8 down opposite number, Mick Grealish, also had a good game showing a After that points were hard to willingness to come off his line on come by for either team, before many occasions to halt Renmore U.C.D. "A" eventually won 15-11

In a game in which defences The manager of the Bank of dominated, scoring chances were Ireland U.C.G. Branch presented few and far between although the beautiful silver cup to the Brendan Healy went close to opening Mervue's account ten touch. The entire tournament was a minutes into the game when his success from every point of view effort from 30 yards went just over and now promises to be a

At the other end Joe Keating numerous attacks from midfield. controlled the ball well under However, Mervue created the first pressure from Ger Cahill and set up teal scoring chance of the half as Kieran Holian for a scoring Tom Lally courageously claimed opportunity but his shot drew a fine the ball from the feet of John hody save from Grealish. O'Connor with the Renmore

Minutes later, Mervue were defence in disarray. rather fortunate when Jimmy Gillespie headed onto his own through the half when Joe Keating. crossbar from a corner on the right. having his best game of the season. but recovered to clear the ball to set up midfielder John Walsh for the

As Mervue swung into the attack once more Brendan Healy was square as Keating lobbed the ball unlucky with a long-range effort over centre-half Ger Cabill and, as which struck an upright. Ger Greatish advanced from his line, Hanniffy was presented with an Walsh flicked the ball over the opportunity minutes later from a 'keeper into an open net for a fine through ball by Ger Healy but was goal. tackled strongly by Mike Fitzgerald as he was about to add the finishing

In the second period, Renmore took control of exchanges with

Uncompromising Mervue found Renmore's

Renmore took the lead midway

Mervue's defence were caught

defence in an uncompromising

goal in great style. Up front Keating

was most industrious and provided

Mervue can feel a little unlicky at

not taking the game into extra time.

but will, no doubt, put in a strong

challenge for the cup in future

Defenders Gillespie and Cahill

performed well, while in attack Ger

Healy, Joe Healy and Ger Hanniffy

plenty of supply for his flankers.

Mollov and Walsh setting up

mood in the closing minuts as they fought desperately for an equaliser. The goal did not materialise West Recover however despite the attempts of Flaherty and O'Connor. Ger Hession was a tower of Early Setback strength in defence and received good support from Fitzgerald an Hutchinson, John Walsh was moimpressive in midfield and took his

MERVUE CELTIC 2

talk in Galway surrounded the Competition and they play First This encounter in the Reserve performances of Democrats Men in Division winners Meteors (Dublin) League produced some very good National League, another National this Saturday (4.30 p.m.) in patches of direct football and a large number of goalmouth incidents. Both sides had enough chances to guaranteed and the home team wrap up the game, but a series of They played their first season in hope to give the visitors a missed chances and some good goalkeeping saw the sides share the Democrats defeated Moyle Park

up with a total of ten points. They (Dublin) by a single point in the first The game was played on a very round on Sunday week in Renmore. mucky surface in Renmore and the start was delayed due to the failure this level and they finished in from Total of the appointed referee to show up. When it did eventually start Celtic were quickly into their stride and Saint Michaels tested the West defence with some sharp first time football.

This approach led to their first goal after 10 minutes when a West defender turned a through ball from Billy Keady into his own net. West showed a lot of determination after this setback and urged on by Peter Mernagh and Sean Kelly in midfield St. Michaels, last years West G.P.C. Under-21 champions, set fought their way back into the out in defence of their title when match.

they play An Ceathru Rua at Pearse They equalised after 25 minutes when a passing movement involving The Club was successful in the this duo put Frank O'Connell West G.P.C. Scor semi-finals held through and he drove a fine shot at Oughterard on Sunday night with past Dowling and in off anupright two teams qualifying for the finals. for a very good goal. In the Figure Dancing Section the Both sides missed good chances

team of Margaret McBride, after this before Celtic regained the Michael Browne, Tony Kelly, lead with a very good individual Michael Kelly, Patricia Kelly, Sean effort. Padraic Kilgannon received McDonagh, Helena O'Sullivan and the ball from a miskick by Howley Grainne Greaney gave a fine in the West defence and raced by exhibition in the art of Irish three more defenders before confidently slipping the ball past The Quiz team of Gerry Dooley. Nyland to leave his side a goal to the Jimmy Casserly and Scan Callaghan—good at haif time.

qualified for the final for the second West introduced Michael O'Toole in a sweepers role for the Tommy Kelly gave an excellent second half and he really tightened rendering in the traditional Solo up the defence and initiated many of the West moves which saw his side on top for long periods as they and the searched for an equaliser.

O'Connell and Kelly produced two clear cut chances for Mernagh and Heaney respectively but they *coming weekend in the Connacht both failed to get the ball past Peter Folan, who had replaced the A meeting of above club will be injured Brendan Dowling in the held in Richardsons, Eyre Square, Mervue goal.

on Monday next at 7,30 p.m. re At the other end. Noci distribution of airline tickets and Shaughnessy fared no better after final arrangements for trip to 15 minutes when he drove over Manchester on Friday, 16th March. from close in. Then midway All those travelling are requested to through the half Sean Kelly's persistance paid off for West when

after a fine run his strong shot was saved by Folan but Mike Heaney

followed up to prod the loose ball

While both sides had further chances to score a draw was a fair result on the day. In the absence of the appointed referee Gerry Curran years. took the whistle and had little difficulty keeping this sporting eame moving.

were most impressive. Best for Mervue Celtic were Mike Padraic Kilgannon while for West, Frank O'Connell, Niall McConn and Sean Kelly were most impressive.

Squash Events **Continuing At** Galway L.T.C.

The Michael Connecty sponsored Ladies Team Tournament and the Mens Vaughan Trophy are underway at Squash Section A, Galway Lawn Tennis Club. It is the first year for the all-ladies

event and it looks as if it is set to continue such has been the success of the event which sees five teams of six competing. The Meas Club Championships,

sponsored by Mickey Walsh, commences on Monday night and will run through to a finbal on Sunday, March 18th. At the moment Peter Murphy

from Loughren is just marginally top of the ladder, but he is under pressure from Aidan Kelly. All three finals will take over St. Patricks weekend with the

presentation of prizes on the Sunday night followed by a Disco Six teams in all will represent G.L.T.C. in Ballina over the

Club Squash Championship which is being hosted by the Stephenites There are three teams competing in Grade A, B and D Mens and A,

The winners of the A Section will represent Connacht later in the season in Dublin in the All-Ireland Club Championships.

B. C Ladies respectively.

CONLON ENDS THE FRUSTRATION FOR

ATHENRY 0

THE IMPORTANCE of this Premier League tie for both sides was reflected in the do or die efforts of all twenty-four players used. West needed both points to keep them in the hunt for League honours and Athenry needed them to steer clear of the relegation zone.

times they hit the woodwork, the attacks to good effect. chances they failed to convert and So just when Gilhooly and the excellent saves made by David Morrissey thought they had Ward in the Athenry goal.

opposition could only score once minutes remaining. lesser goalkeeper than Michael Jeft and his cross was driven in hard O'Toole to contend with they might by Kelly. The shot hit the crossbar have snatched a shock win. West were determined to put the scored with a diving header.

events of the previous Sunday much to the dismay of the West search of the equaliser. centre forward who connected perfectly from only ten yards out.

West piled on the pressure to little avail as Peter Gilhooly marshalled his defence confidently with no nonsence, first time football and in turn set up some dangerous

From one such effort the West defence was caught flatfooted leaving Tom Fahy a free shot which O'Toole somehow managed to block and Fahy drove the rebound wide. There were other goalmouth incidents in the first half which failed to bear fruit for either side and so they remained level at half-

West again dominated the second half thanks mainly to the efforts of their man of the match, midfielder Torn Conlon. He won everything in the air and set up some good moves mainly along the right flank with Sean Kelly.

to the byline and fired over a cross which was headed out by an Athenry defender as far as Conlon who drove a fine volley against an upright. Minutes later West were awarded a penalty for a foul on Kelly which Ger O'Connell drove against the same upright and the ball was cleared to safety.

Galway Have Six On Combined Side

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There was disappointment amongst the U.C.G. Squad that James Reidy, their brilliant goalkeeper had been overlooked for the third year in succession for a place on the Combined Universities side which was selected at the conclusion of the Sigerson Cup.

It was also felt that Padraic 'Dandy' Kelly should have been chosen *Player of the Tournament', an award that instead went to Barry Coffey of U.C. Cork.

the Combined Universities team is: Michael Conacur. U.C.C., Ciaran Hamill, John Maughan. Tomás U.C.G., U.C.G. Decruo capt... Flanagan, U.C.D., Tom Carr. U.C.G., Eamon Walsh, U.C.C., Padraic 'Dancy' Kelly. U.C.G., Sean Ryan, U.C.D. Brian O'Donnell, U.C.G., Sean Liston, U.C.C., Barry Coffey, U.C.C., C. O'Neill, U.C.C., Shuy Fahy, U.C.G. and Greg-

Blaney, Queens. James Reidy and Michael Brennan, both of U.C.G., are among the substitutes.

While it was never a great game West then added extra fire to the effort and determination put in their attack by bringing in Michael by one and all made it an exciting Heaney at outside left and the service he received from his West will remember this midfield link-man Peter Mernagh gameprimarily for the number of changed the direction of the West

weathered the storm on their left The Athenry lads will remember flank this new danger materialised it because they, too, had their and proved to be their undoing. The chances on a day when the all important goal came with fifteen and with better finishing and a Mernagh set Heaney free on the

but rebounded towards Conlon who The drama did not end there for behind them and attacked from the minutes later. Athenry engineered first whistle and quickly tested the another quick break which put Fahy Athenry defence. They were not in the clear but as he attempted to

long in finding out what kind of an round the 'keeper. O'Toole dived at afternoon. Ward we going to have this feet and averted the danger. Tenbetween the posts, for after only minutes later referee Michael twelve minutes he turned a fierce. Sheehy blow the final whistle as drive from Joe Keady around a post. Athenry came forward yet again in

Hibs Almost Pull Off Shock Of The Season

HIBERNIANS 4 SLIGO ROVERS RESERVES 4

HIBERNIANS brought off a major shock in the Connacht Senior Cup at Bohermore Pitch Saturday against a Sligo Rovers Reserve team that included eight League of Ireland players.

After a scoreless first half Hibs came back from being three-nil down to go 4-3 in front and only a Paul McGee goal in the second half of extra time robbed them of victory.

McGee broke the deadlock early in the second half to give Sligo the lead and by the 70th minute they were threenil ahead.

But even against a team that included goalkeeper Colin Oakley, Paul Fielding, Mick Savage and McGee, Hibs fought back and a battrick from John Tierney, two of which resulted from defensive errors, left them level with their illustrious opponents.

Centre-forward Colm Naughton put Hibs in front with a 25 yards shot in extra time and the Bohermore side looked certain to cause an upset until McGee rescued Sligo with a goal in the second period of extra time.

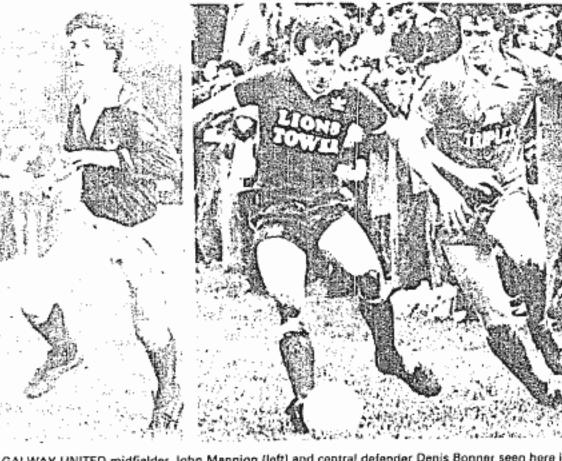
Hibs: S. Lester, J. Walsh, J. Howley, E. Ward, M. Rafferty, J. Reagan, J. Cleary, J. O'Reilly, J. Tierney, C. Naughton and P. Laffey.



Sean Staunton was the winner of the Bank of Ireland Squash trophy final at Glenina Squash Club. Our photograph shows Mr. Charlie McCormack of the Bank of Ireland presenting the trophy to Sean, Included are, from left: McDara Glynn, squash captain; Jim Corley, runner-up; John Ryan, President



Mr. Michael Walsh, Wholesaler presents a cheque for spoonsorship of the Club Squash Championships at Galway Lawn Tennis Club to Anita Mylotte, Squash Captain. Also in picture are: Alleen Kelly and Tony Poustie of Galway L.T.C.



GALWAY UNITED midfielder John Mannion (left) and central defender Denis Bonner seen here in action against Waterford's Chris Jones who hope to continue their recent good form in Sunday's F.A.I. Cup quarter-final against Shelbourne.

