

# SENTINEL SPORT



**WINNERS** . . . the Renmore team who beat West United on penalties to reach the area final of the FAI Junior Cup. Back row (left to right): Paul Bruton, Donagh McCaffrey, Martin Greaney, John Walsh, Pat Lohan. Front row: Eoin Noone, Kieran Conneely, Stephen Byrne, Noel Greaney, Alan Shaughnessy, Benny Fahy.

## Renmore scrape through as penalty shoot-out leaves West United in agony!

Renmore..... 1  
West United..... 1  
(after extra time, Renmore won 4-3 on penalties)

THE holders, Renmore, had to endure extra-time and penalties before striker Eoin Noone put them through to the area final of the FAI Junior Cup with a decisive spot-kick at their home ground on Sunday. West United had battled hard throughout this keenly contested semi-final but they went out in the worst way possible when young midfielder Mark O'Toole shot the ball wide as the penalty sequence entered sudden death, only for Noone to clinch the issue with the very last kick of the afternoon.

The teams were level at 3-3 after five penalties each but, with the issue having to be decided on the day, West made their exit in the cruellest of fashions as Noone followed O'Toole's miss with the coolest of strikes.

Earlier, the game had been switched from South Park as parts of the 'swamp' surface were deemed unplayable and the two teams served up an enjoyable game which neither side really deserved to lose.

There was little between the teams during the lifeless early exchanges, although tireless Renmore midfielder Pat Lohan came closest to scoring when he unleashed a brilliant 20-yard shot only for West 'keeper Michael O'Toole to produce a stunning save.

That move seemed to spark the game into life, although West soon suffered a set-back when experienced winger Ger O'Connell had to be taken off with a broken leg.

Renmore eventually took the lead with a cracker of a goal five minutes before half-time. Left back Donagh McCaffrey embarked on a strong run before setting the ball up for Alan Shaughnessy, who

knocked the ball across the box for Stephen Byrne to volley the ball into the top corner of the net.

West came more into the game after the break, but Renmore central defenders Noel Greaney and John Walsh coped well with the long balls into Martin Golden and Joe O'Toole.

Veteran Pat Lohan had other plans, however, as he ruled the centre of the pitch for Renmore, while Kieran Conneely worked hard to set up moves from the left wing.

Renmore might have gone further ahead when Alan Shaughnessy rounded the West 'keeper, but the ball fell onto his left foot and he failed to send it towards the empty net.

But there were no complaints from the home contingent when West won a penalty on the hour, after McCaffrey took down Mark Keane in the area. Martin Golden blasted the ball home, to put the teams back on level terms.

West could find no way through the solid Renmore back four as the game progressed, though, and 20 minutes of extra time failed to separate the sides.

Shane Flaherty, substitute Tony King, and Joe O'Toole all converted penalties for West,

with Paul Bruton, Shaughnessy, and Donagh McCaffrey replying for Renmore, before sudden death cruelly denied West a place in the final.

Best for the winners were Lohan and Conneely in midfield, and Walsh, Greaney, and McCaffrey at the back; while Shane Flaherty, Brendan Shaughnessy, and Stephen Harlowe all performed admirably for the bitterly disappointed West side.

**Renmore:** M. Greaney; Bruton, N. Greaney, J. Walsh, D. McCaffrey; Fahy, Lohan, Byrne; Noone, A. Shaughnessy, Conneely. Reserve: Coll for Fahy (inj.).

**West United:** Ml. O'Toole; O'Connor, N. Flaherty, B. Shaughnessy, Harlowe; Keane, Mark O'Toole, S. Flaherty, O'Connell; J. O'Toole, M. Golden. Reserve: Beatty for O'Connell (inj.). Referee: M. Hynes.

### Mervue Utd. meeting

A Committee Meeting will be held on Saturday, 14th January in the Clubhouse at 6 p.m. All members are urgently requested to attend.

## Galway v Mayo at Terryland Park

The second round game of the Oscar Traynor competition goes on at Terryland Park on Saturday night at 7.00 p.m. It brings together old rivals Galway and Mayo with a good game in prospect. When the teams met last year in this competition at Castlebar, Mayo won and Galway will be hoping for revenge on Saturday night.

The Galway squad will train this evening (Tuesday) and are asked to be at the Renmore Community Centre at 6.15 p.m.

Michael O'Toole, Kieran Prendergast, Ray Manogue, Leonard Power, Robert Walshe, Robert Healy, John Walshe, Joe Mulroy, Mark Folan, Dermot McSweeney, Martin Devlin, Johnny Walshe, Ollie Keogh, Joe Crean, Kevin Joyce, Ciaran Connelly, Joe O'Toole, Benny Fahy, Andy Concannon.

## Doyle's brace helps Bohs reach FAI Junior Cup final

Bohemians..... 3  
Crescent Utd..... 1  
by Brendan Carroll

Bohemians advanced to the area final of the Guinness FAI Junior Cup when they were too strong for Crescent in difficult conditions at West Park on Sunday.

It was a competitive semi-final — Bohs third goal, which put the icing on the cake for them, came deep into time added on . . . though they were deserving winners.

A strong breeze favoured Crescent in the opening half but they got little change from the Bohs defence and almost out of the blue Willie Doyle scored the opener for Bohs after half an hour when a quick break caught the Crescent defence napping.

The closest Crescent came was eight minutes later when Ollie Keogh's free kick forced a save from Mike Greallish, but they were back on level terms two minutes before half time

when Victor Connell, rock solid at the back, sent a long ball from inside his own half into the box and it fell to Michael Keogh who rifled it to the net.

But disaster struck for underdogs Crescent with little more than five minutes gone in the second half. Richie Walsh took a corner for Bohs from the left and, aided by the stiff breeze, it flew straight to the net to put his side in front again.

Despite facing into the wind for the second half, it was after this that Crescent played their best and after twenty minutes could have levelled when Ollie Keogh whipped the ball across the face of the goal from the endline but there was nobody there to apply the finishing touch.

Minutes later an improved Paul Cooke lofted a ball in for Michael Keogh but he couldn't get any power behind his headed effort.

But as the game approached the final minutes, it was Bohs who were back in the driving seat and they could well have grabbed a handful more as the

game extended into several minutes of injury time.

Willie Doyle did good work to send Richie Walsh bearing down on goal but Walsh couldn't control the ball, then Ray Minogue was just off the mark with a shot, Doyle and sub. Dave Mullally combined in a promising attack which broke down through over-elaboration, and then Doyle shot over with just the keeper to beat.

The pressure finally paid off, however, when Mark Folan brought off a good tackle inside his own half and in a flash turned defence into attack, putting Doyle through for his second goal of the game which put the issue beyond any doubt.

**Bohemians:** Greallish; Power, Murray, Folan, Robert Walsh; Minogue, Joyce, O'Dowd, Richie Walsh; Doyle, Tummon. Sub.: Mullally for Tummon, 82 mins.

**Crescent Utd.:** Norman; Connell, Corcoran, Nelson, Creane; Cooke, M. Keogh, McHugh, O. Keogh; O'Connell, Fahy. Sub.: J. Keogh for Fahy, Referee: Eamonn Lynch.



**SO NEAR, AND YET SO FAR** . . . West United, who lost out to Renmore on penalties on Sunday. Back row (left to right): Michael O'Toole, Mark O'Toole, Noel Flaherty, Conor Beatty, Joe O'Toole, Brendan Shaughnessy, Tony King, John Kelleher. Front row: Shane Flaherty, Martin Golden, Stephen Harlowe, Gerry O'Connell, David O'Connor, and Mark Keane.



Crescent United, who were defeated 3-1 by Bohemians in the FAI Junior Cup Area Semi-final at West Park on Sunday. Back row (from left): Murt Fahy, Damien Nelson, Michael Keogh, PJ Norman, John Keogh, Gary Walsh, Paul Cooke, Victor Connell, team manager Gary Molloy. Front row (from left): Colin McHugh, John Corcoran, Barry O'Connell, John Creane, Ollie Keogh, John Fahy, Tom Bohan