

JUNIOR CUP SPECIAL . . .

Cracking Noone strike sees Renmore through

Renmore..... 2
Bohemians 1

by Ciaran Tierney

THE home side were singing in the rain after two quality goals helped them to drown Bohemians' Connacht Cup dreams in the second half of a keenly contested semi-final at the rainswept Renmore grounds on Sunday.

This new-look Renmore side has shown great character all season, and they had plenty to enthuse about after they came from behind to sweep Bohemians aside with some fine flowing football in the driving rain.

The result was a bitter blow to Bohs, who lost out to the same opposition by the exact same margin in the FAI Cup area final, as they had a number of chances to pull the game back in the closing stages.

But full credit to Renmore, who kept their composure after going a goal down and took their chances well after weathering Bohemians' first half storm.

Bohs certainly were all over them as the two teams tried to cope with the deluge in the early stages, with Willie Doyle and Richie Walsh prompting two good saves from Martin Greaney inside the first 12 minutes.

Then Mark Folan released Timmy Landers with an excellent through ball only for Greaney to make a brave sliding save, while Michael

Greallish looked very comfortable in dealing with a couple of Renmore moves at the other end.

Renmore were pinned back for much of the first half, with Steve Byrne having to play deep in order to help the back four in the face of considerable pressure from Bohs.

Greaney was in sparkling form — he had to produce a smart save to deny a Des Joyce header on the half-hour, and it looked as though Bohs would receive no reward for their pressure as the game approached half-time.

But their deserved opening goal came on the stroke of half-time, when Kevin Joyce and Landers played a neat one-two to prise open the Renmore defence before Joyce floated the ball expertly past the stranded Greaney.

And Bohs should really have gone two up seven minutes into the second half, but Willie Doyle hit the side netting from the by-line after a good ball from



WINNERS . . . the Renmore side who beat Bohemians to reach the Connacht Junior Cup final on Sunday. Back row (l. to r.): Pat Lohan, Noel Greaney, Donagh McCaffrey, Martin Greaney, Michael Noone, Alan O'Shaughnessy, Brendan Fahy. Front row: Eoin Noone, Ciaran Conneely, John Walsh, and Stephen Byrne.

Leonard Power when he should really have found the target.

As the second half progressed, though, Renmore began to turn the tide and midfielder Eoin Noone troubled Greallish's defence with a couple of good headers towards the target.

The introduction of Eoin Keane added some impetus to their attacks, but the Bohs defence — expertly marshalled by captain Robert Walsh — looked as

though they would hold firm.

It took a set-piece to beat them, with Ciaran Conneely perfectly positioned to head home an Alan O'Shaughnessy corner at the near post in the 65th minute.

Bohs had a perfect opportunity to go back in front just four minutes later, when substitute Damien Tummon rose unmarked in the Renmore box only to head Doyle's cross into the hands of a very relieved Greaney.

But the Renmore men really took the initiative as they opened up the tie with their some fine passing football which saw Byrne and Pat Lohan begin to take over the midfield exchanges midway through the second half.

And they went in front after 74 minutes, when Noone showed a touch of class by embarking on a long run on the break before unleashing a brilliant finish which left the on-coming Greallish in no man's land.

Renmore's excellent passing left the Bohs men running in circles — and Bohs' frustrations were evident in the booking of three of the men in red in the closing 13 minutes.

To their credit, though, Bohs came back again. They threw everything forward and laid siege on Greaney's goal as the game entered injury time.

Robert Walsh produced a fine cross for Tummon to head just wide after 85 minutes, but Bohs' main threat in the closing stages came from Doyle — who produced a couple of strong runs down the left without ever finding the target.

Renmore's fine football and fighting spirit has made them a formidable cup team to play against all season, a fact which Hibs will undoubtedly not need to be reminded of as they prepare for the final.

Renmore: Greaney (M.); Noone (M.), Walsh, Greaney (N.), McCaffrey; Noone (E.), Byrne, Lohan, Conneely; Fahy, O'Shaughnessy. Reserve: Keane for Fahy (53 mins).

Bohemians: Greallish; Murray, Walsh (Robert), Folan, Power; Walsh (Richie), Joyce (K.), Minogue, Doyle; Joyce (D.), Landers. Reserves: Tummon for Landers (67 mins), O'Dowd for D. Joyce (83 mins).

Referee: E. Lynch.

Coaching Course

THE Preliminary Coaching Course will be run on Friday, May 26, Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28 in Fahy's Field, Mervue.

All people participating on the course are to report to the Mervue dressing rooms on Friday at 6.30 p.m. with full gear.

A total of sixty one people are involved — a great response from all the schoolboy clubs.

Staff coaches from the F.A.I. will instruct. Course Co-ordinator for the Galway area (city + county) is Joe Keating and any enquiries should be directed to him.

The second part of the course will be run on the weekend of June 16, 17, 18.



VANQUISHED . . . Bohemians, who lost out narrowly to Renmore in Sunday's semi-final. Back row (l. to r.): Willie Doyle, Kevin Joyce, Mark Folan, Michael Greallish, Timmy Landers, Des Joyce. Front row: Ray Minogue, Richie Walsh, Robert Walsh, Tommy Murray, and Leonard Power.

Galwegian RFC Notice of A.G.M.

Annual General Meeting of Galwegian RFC will take place on Friday, 26th May, 1995 at Crowley Park, Glenina, Galway

TIME 8 P.M.
B. O'Beirn, Hon. Sec.