

Mixed Fortunes For Renmore Youngsters

Renmore 1
 Cliffoney (Sligo) 2

In blustry weather conditions in Renmore Park on Saturday evening the visitors from Sligo about deserved to win this Joe Wickham (under-15) semi-final if only for the fact that they applied themselves fully to their task for the full seventy minutes while the home side really only played in the second half.

Renmore with the assistance of a strong breeze at their backs could never use it to their advantage and it was no surprise when Cliffoney scored from the spot after a Renmore back had handled the ball in the area.

Ten minutes later, however, the sides were level when a free kick by Kelly was headed onto the crossbar by Gaffney, who, on his second attempt, made no mistake. A few minutes later Renmore should have increased their lead when from a corner on the right Lyons rose highest to head narrowly wide.

In the second half against the breeze the home side raised their game and were continually pushing

Cliffoney back on their heels. However, even though they got in some good shots, the vital score would not come their way.

Cliffoney always looked dangerous on the break and with just five minutes of the game remaining a Renmore back in attempting to clear his lines sliced the ball into the path of an intrushing Cliffoney forward who, from about twelve yards, made no mistake. The final whistle sounded shortly afterwards.

Referee: Nickey Hardiman.

Renmore 6
 Kiltullagh 1

Kiltullagh, new to under-age soccer this season, need not feel despondent at this result as they met the home side on a day when they had their shooting boots on.

Kiltullagh in their few games todate have run teams to close margins and it's easy to see why as a number of their players have natural potential. Overall, in fact, they have the ingredients of a good side in the making.

Renmore on the other hand have the vital experience but seem to lack overall aggression and commitment.

With the assistance of a strong wind at their backs the home side settled quickly and took the lead after only five minutes when good work by Kelly got Reen away on the right and he made no mistake with a hard shot to the corner of the net.

Langan and Hopkins had a goal apiece before the interval with Darcy pulling one back for the visitors.

On the resumption Langan and Hopkins along with Connolly added to their previous tally for a good Renmore win although the scoreline did little justice to a brave Kiltullagh team.

Referee: Noel Lennon.