



# Hibs and Renmore crash out of FAI Junior Cup

**HIBERNIANS** and Renmore were the big name casualties in the second round of the Statoil FAI Junior Cup as they exited the competition against fellow Premier sides Bohemians and Mervue United on a raindrenched weekend.

Elsewhere the elimination of OLBC by Tuam Celtic and Oranbay on penalties to Na Forbeacha could be termed as upsets, while the rest of the 14 games down for decision went along the expected lines.

In the Eircom U-21 league it was a good weekend for NUI Galway and Mervue United as both registered victories, but for Galway United there was disappointment as they went down at home to leaders Finn Harps.

**BOHEMIANS . . . . . 2**  
**HIBERNIANS . . . . . 1**  
*(After extra-time)*

Like the weather this encounter was a tad nasty as the cup tie pitted friends against friends and brother versus brother in a contest that was forever entertaining, competitive and compulsive viewing.

Bohs started well and missed a series of chances, before Hibernians seized the initiative and went in at the interval one up. However the game's turning point came just after the restart when Hibs were reduced to 10 men following the dismissal of midfielder Johnny Walsh.

It didn't take Bohs long to take advantage of the numerical difference as they levelled matters before spectators treated to an enthralling finale as both sides missed great opportunities to snatch a last grasp matchwinner.

Substitute Liam Hession then produced the required finish in extra-time to put Bohs in front, but even a man down Hibs kept pushing forward, but two superb saves by Lee Maher denied them an equaliser.

One red and three yellows is a quick summary of the card count as referee Bill Griffin let the game flow as much as possible.

While both sides had players who wanted to make their presence felt, the main emphasis as always was in playing the game with a bit of style. Certainly a strong wind and a continuous downpour made conditions difficult, but it certainly didn't effect Bohs in the opening quarter.

A trio of good chances were missed as Robert Walsh fired just wide, Gerry Bohan was over the top and Liam Keane extracted a fine save from Mark Cobey.

As the half wore on Hibs gained the upper hand as the battle intensified in midfield where the Walsh brothers Johnny and Robert gave their all for their respective sides as

did Dermot McSweeney and Gerry Bohan alongside them.

The Bohermore side were rewarded before the break when Tommy Ward got possession, turned and fired the opener past Maher. However, once reduced to 10 men following the dismissal of Walsh the mantle of authority slipped away and Bohs pounced.

Liam Hession set up Brian Crowe and the young midfielder beat Cobey for the equaliser. In the closing minutes Hession and Liam Keane must have closed their eyes as they fired wide from in front of goal. While Hibs forays into attack were less frequent Brian Griffin did everything right when rounding Maher and from a tight angle his effort was goalbound until sweeper Paul O'Connell got back to clear off the line in the last action of normal time.

On 95 minutes Alan Walsh's delivery from half-way drew Mark Cobey to the edge of his area, but while he saved the initial effort from Hession, the striker found the empty net from the rebound to make it 2-1 for Bohs.

In the closing stages Hibs juggled players all over the place but to no avail as a number of fruitless corners and two cracking efforts from Alan Shaughnessy and Mark Keane were foiled by brilliant reflex saves by Maher.

**MERVUE UTD. . . . . 2**  
**RENMORE . . . . . 1**  
*(After extra-time)*

In extra time a speculative long range cross shot from defender Liam Cashel settled this Cup tie at Fahy's Field on Sunday morning.

In a game in which many good chances went abegging for both sides, it was ironic that a rather fortuitous effort should provide the matchwinner as replacement goalkeeper Noel Greaney was deceived by the flight of the ball.

However the qualities of the keeper was evidenced to better effect minutes later when a superb save denied Gary Dalton putting Mervue two in front.

After a scoreless opening half it was Renmore who broke the deadlock when for the second week in succession an own goal put them in front. This time it was Seamie Rabbite who got the final touch to a Benny Fahy corner. Following a similar set piece

from Gary O'Connor, Mervue levelled matters as Colie Kelly fired home from close range.

Aside from the two chances taken many more went abegging as Ger McGrath crashed an effort off the crossbar and Colie Kelly fired at Martin Greaney before the goalkeeper had to depart the fray with an injury.

Meanwhile at the other end Renmore were also failing to tuck away some of the chances that come their way as Derek Talbot, Willie Carr and Alan Corcoran couldn't find a way past the excellent Darren Roche.

In the end it was Cashel who banked the winner for Mervue as they advanced to round three.

**CRESCENT UTD . . . . 5**  
**KNOCKNACARRA . . . . 2**

A hat-trick from John Corcoran and a brace from Sos O'Connell helped settle this contest in favour of the Premier side. Always in command against their lower league opponents, they led 3-1 at the interval, with Liam Hardiman knocking home both goals for Knocknacarra.

**SALTHILL DEVON. . . . 4**  
**MOYLROUGH . . . . . 2**

After the opening quarter this was a contest that had the potential to upset manager Steve Hynes when he returned after his long weekend away from Galway.

However by the closing stages matters were well settled in Devon's favour as the potential for a surprise was long gone.

It all started off so differently as Moylough took an early lead and defended well as Salthill struggled to impose themselves in the finishing stakes.

However once Ronan Gilligan levelled matters with a free-kick from outside the box, Devon were on their way and a Jumbo Brennan effort had them 2-1 in front at the break.

Breen Geraghty and Shane Cox added to their tally, before a late own goal by Mike Mulligan made it a little to close for comfort in the closing minutes.

**O.L.B.C. . . . . 1**  
**TUAM CELTIC . . . . . 2**

A long stay in the FAI Junior Cup was not on the mind of Boys Club manager Dave Daly as he gave some of his squad a run out at the Jesuits Pitch on Sunday.

Goals each side of the



Maureen Egan, Lady Captain, Galway Golf Club, presents Mary Greally with the McDonnell Cup which she won at Galway G.C. Also included is Terry Watson, President of Galway Golf Club.

interval gave Celtic a 2-0 advantage at one stage and only for a penalty save on 44 minutes by Martin McDonagh the manager could have been higher. Throughout, the physically stronger Tuam side generally held sway, but OLBC got a second half consolation when Anthony Curran pulled one back.

**ATHENRY. . . . . 3**  
**CORRIB RANGERS/  
OLD GROUND. . . . . 1**

After a scoreless opening half Paddy Quinn put Athenry ahead on 52 minutes and there after they never looked back. A fine solo effort from Brian Costello added to the tally before Micky Quinn made it 3-0. John Carr's lone reply was of little consolation to the losers.

**COLGA. . . . . 5**  
**DOUGHTERARD . . . . 0**

Against the wind the home side were four goals to the good at the break as Paul Brennan (pen), Alan Finn (2) and Liam Donoghue all found the target for Colga.

While the same intensity wasn't there afterwards they found the net just once more as Michéal Donoghue netted the fifth.

**COLMANSTOWN . . . . 3**  
**COROFIN UTD . . . . 3**  
*(C/Town won 3-1 on pens)*

A game that had as many twists and turns as a country road was finally settled in the home sides favour as goalkeeper PJ Finnerty left his mark in a lasting fashion with two matchwinning saves in the penalty shoot-out.

Just Martin Furey beat him in the shoot-out for Corofin as Dave Quinn and Niall O'Grady were denied, while Damien Concannon, Colin O'Grady and Andy Concannon all fired their efforts past Brian O'Donovan as Colmanstown prevailed 3-1 on the shoot-out.

In the 110 minutes of action Gary O'Grady, Andy

Concannon and Colm O'Grady were on the mark for the home side while Bernard Molloy, Brian Wallace and 17 year old Clement Quinn kept the contest alive for Corofin.

**NA FORBEACHA . . . . 3**  
**ORANBAY . . . . . 3**  
*(Na Forb won 4-3 on pens)*

In spite of Sean Holland (2) and Niall O'Grady giving Oranbay a two goal advantage at one stage it was the home side who staged a spirited revival and prevailed 4-3 in a shoot-out.

**CRAUGHWELL . . . . 6**  
**BALLINAKILL . . . . 2**

Goals from Peadar Cloonan (2), Declan Craven (2), Oddie Clarke and Damien Gilligan gave Craughwell a comfortable success after they led 2-1 at the interval.

Elsewhere CB Trotters were easy 3-0 winners over Kilshanvey, while West Coast United and Turloughmore advanced over Kinvara and Oranmore.

Meanwhile the games between Loughrea against Kiltullagh and St. Ellens against St. Endas were postponed and will be refixed at a future date.

**EIRCOM U-21 LEAGUE**

The three Galway sides had mixed fortunes over the weekend, but wins for NUIG and Mervue United kept them in the top half of Group C of the Eircom U-21 League.

However NUIG look to be the side with a real prospect of group honours as they lie five points adrift of leaders Finn Harps, but with two games in hand.

For Galway United life is a little more difficult as they try and juggle matters at senior and U-21 level and to date they have registered just one win from seven outings, while going down 3-2 at home to Finn Harps on Saturday.

**FANAD UTD . . . . . 1**  
**NUI GALWAY . . . . . 3**

The students gave the home

side a goal start when Robert Kavanagh netted for Fanad before an impressive Nicky Allen headed the equaliser following an Aidan Kelly cross.

Further goals from Kevin Monaghan and Stephen Maguire provided the perfect recovery as the students unbeaten campaign continued.

**MERVUE UTD. . . . . 2**  
**DERRY CITY . . . . . 1**

Three losses in six outings might have put paid to Mervue's title prospect, but they continue to impress as goals from Seamie Rabbite and Colie Kelly gave them a home victory over a Derry City side for whom Colin McDaid scored.

**GALWAY UTD . . . . . 2**  
**FINN HARPS . . . . . 3**

In spite of goals from striker Simon Walsh and defender Kevin Walsh, Galway United went down 3-2 to table toppers Harps at Fahy's Field on Saturday.

**OSCAR TRAYNOR**

A new format exists for the Oscar Traynor Trophy with the early games been decided on a round robin basis. The competition will not commence until January and word from manager Jim Noone is that he will start to get the squad together in November.

**YOUTH INTER LEAGUE**

Youth manager Sean Buckley has had little time to prepare his squad for the seasons opener on Saturday next.

McSharry Park (Kick-Off at 2.30 p.m.) is the venue as the Galway and District Youth side travel to face Sligo/Leitrim in the Snickers FAI Youth Inter League.

**LADIES**

Terryland Park host the First Division Cup Final on Saturday and a Patricia Donoghue goal gave Colga a 1-0 victory over Medtronic.

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