

SENTINEL SPORT



Renmore still mean business as they open new campaign

Last season Renmore survived in the Western Supplies Premier League with a very mixed squad of mature veterans and a younger generation of wannabee's.

A shortage of numbers left them struggling at times, but they accumulated enough points to maintain their status.

On Sunday last the return of some of their foreign legion and the recruitment of some new talent gave the impression that a new dawn had emerged for the club and that they could be a force to be reckoned with in the season to come.

Former stalwarts Paul Gallagner and Owen Keane have returned after their sojourn Down Under while former NUIG striker Alan O'Donnell and Mervue Utd players Colie Kelly and Alan O'Boyle being a fresh input to the midfield sector.

Postman and goalkeeping great Martin Greaney has disposed of his gloves as he contemplates retirement and improving his cycling skills and the new number one is another former college player, Barry O'Donnell.

Seasoned campaigners like central defender Noel Greaney and striker Alan Corcoran still maintain a presence in the side with manager Jimmy Nolan calling the shots on the line.

Their opening encounter against one of the surprise packets of last season, Mervue United B, was a competitive encounter with Renmore running out 3-1 winners.

Renmore took the lead just a minute before the interval when Corcoran lobbed an Alan O'Boyle delivery over the

advancing Tony Cooke to leave it 1-0 at the break. They doubled their lead when Keane headed an O'Boyle corner off the crossbar and another newcomer - O'Donnell was well positioned to nod home the rebound for a 2-0 advantage.

Keith McHugh set up Tom French as he drilled one past O'Donnell from outside the area to reduce the deficit to 2-1, but Mervue struggled to take some of the opportunities presented as Barry Crowley, Pat Giblin and Gary Ward all failed to find a way past O'Donnell again.

Renmore wrapped up the points when Kelly was the provider and Corcoran grabbed his second with a close range finish past Cooke to leave the visitors deserving 3-1 winners.

PREMIER LEAGUE

Goals each side of the break from Eamonn Grady and Savo Kenny gave CB Trotters a 2-0 win over Kiltullagh in their first ever Premier League contest.

In command throughout, only poor finishing denied them further reward against a Kiltullagh side that created little. A Sean Walsh free-kick that struck a post was the closest they came to a breakthrough.

In Millars Lane, Salthill Devon and Bohemians shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw.

Meanwhile, the much anticipated meeting of Hibernians and Mervue Utd A fixed for Bohermore was postponed, but this fixture has been rescheduled for next Sunday at the same venue (11.30). It should be compulsive viewing.

FIRST DIVISION

OLBC1
COLMANSTOWN1

The summer recess did little to blunt the predatory finishing skills of Boys Club striker Simon Murray, as his 64 minute equaliser gave the home side a deserved share of the spoils in this encounter at the Jesuits.

Mind you, the young finisher who amassed 41 goals last season has some fine tuning to do, as he, along with a number of others, were guilty of some poor finishing on Sunday.

Murray's new striking partner, John Carney, will be a welcome new addition to Dave Daly's side after just joining the side in midweek.

Throughout an always interesting contest they gave central defenders Gary O'Grady and Kieran Cannon a torrid time, and only a combination of poor finishing and good goalkeeping by another newcomer, John McHugh, kept the contest alive.

John Jordan, having spent the majority of his playing career with Boh's and Salthill Devon, is another new recruit and he added some silky touches to compliment the workrate of midfield colleagues Gary Trainor and Billy Mannion.

While a Carney free-kick that came back off the crossbar was the closest OLBC came to a goal in the opening half, Colmanstown too had their opportunities.

Shane Bailey fired them in front midway through the opening half and the introduction of Colin O'Grady just before the hour mark revitalised the side.

However, his finishing let him down as three times he left the defence for dead as his pace took him away from the cover, but he failed to hit the target each time as keeper Damien McIlroy never had to make a save.

Both sides had last minute opportunities to snatch it, but the goalscorers - Murray and Bailey - who failed to apply the finish as glorious opportunities presented themselves.

A fair outcome to a good game - but what a pity about the cut grass all over the pitch!

CORRIB RANGERS ... 4
COROFIN UNITED ... 1

Rangers' great run in last season's Michael Byrne Cup filled them with confidence and judging by results they carried this form into the pre-season Bernard Concar Cup, where they were eventually dismissed in the semi-final by subsequent winners Mervue United A.

On Sunday at Westside, they got their league campaign off to a winning note as they easily saw off the challenge posed by Corofin.

Mark Rabbitte (2), Kevin Fitzpatrick and Mathew McMahon all found the net for Rangers, with Niall Noughton replying for Corofin.

Elsewhere in the First Division Corrib Celtic recovered



AWAY... Castlegar's Cathal Burke gets the better of this tussle with Gort's Paul Killilea during Sunday's County Hurling championship clash at Kenny Park. Photos Iain McDonald.

well after going behind against Colga. Goals from Adrian O'Brien, direct from a free-kick and Shane Moylan gave the Annaghdown side a 2-1 win.

Meanwhile the meeting of the promoted St. Eilens and the relegated Crescent United didn't go well for the Carthmore side as the city team ran out comfortable 4-1 winners.

DIVISION 2A

RENMORE B6
LOUGHREA0

A second half hat-trick by former West player Tony Crowe was the icing on the cake as Renmore B got their campaign off to a winning start.

They had laid down their marker with an impressive opening half as Owen Mooney, Derek McWalter and player/coach Paul "Ski" McGee gave them a 3-0 interval advantage.

Elsewhere, Kinvara and Oranmore shared the spoils in a 2-2 draw while the Tuam derby also finished all square with Celtic and Dynamo Blues tied at 2-2.

DIVISION 2B

Knocknacarra got their campaign off to a winning start when John Murphy set up Brian Pitt's for the first half matchwinner and a 1-0 win over St. Bernards out in Abbeyknockmoy.

Na Forbeacha were the days biggest winners as they defeated Craughwell 9-0, Thermo King drew 2-2 away to Gort, while Dunmore Town were 3-1 winners over Gurteen.

- MIKE RAFFERTY -

Underage Soccer Fixtures

SATURDAY

Galway Bay Seafoods U-13
(All games at 11 a.m.)
Mervue, Mervue Utd. A v Lakeside Celtic.
Renmore, Renmore v Newcastle Utd.
Millers Lane, Salthill Devon A v St. Bernards.

Billy Fitzgerald U-13
(All games at 11 a.m.)
South Park, Knocknacarra v Hibernians.
South Park, Galway Rovers v Salthill Devon B.
Mervue, Mervue Utd. B v West Coast Utd.

Jim Murphy Under 15A
(All games at 12.30 p.m.)
Tuam, Tuam Celtic v Salthill Devon A.
Loughrea, Lakeside Celtic v Oranmore.
Mervue, Mervue Utd. v Riverside Celtic.

Jim Murphy Under 15B
(All games at 12.30 p.m.)
Millers Lane, Salthill Devon B v Cregmore.
Headford, Moyne Villa v Renmore.
Corofin, Corofin Utd. v Mervue Utd. B.

SUNDAY

Richard Quinn U-18
(All games at 3 p.m.)
Westside, Corrib Rangers v Renmore.
Millers Lane, Galway Utd. v St. Bernards.
Corofin, Corofin Utd. v Tuam Celtic.
South Park, Knocknacarra v Mervue Utd.

MONDAY, SEPT. 1st
Colleran Cup U-12
(All games at 7 p.m.)
Mervue, Mervue Utd. A v Cregmore.
Westside, Newcastle Utd. v Athenry.

South Park, Galway Rovers v Colga FC.
Millers Lane, Salthill Devon A v Renmore.
Abbeyknockmoy, St. Bernards v Lakeside Celtic.

Cunningham Cup U-12
(All games at 7 p.m.)
Bohermore, Hibernians v Mervue Utd. B.
Headford, Moyne Villa v Colmanstown.
West Park, Oughterard v Corofin Utd.

Annaghdown, Corrib Celtic v Tuam Celtic.
Millers Lane, Salthill Devon B v Craughwell.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3rd
Colie Smyth U-14
(All games at 7 p.m.)
West Park, Oughterard v Tuam Celtic.

Athenry, Athenry v Colga.
Mervue, Mervue Utd. A v Cregmore.
Millers Lane, Salthill Devon A v Renmore.

Under 14B League
(All games at 7 p.m.)
Abbeyknockmoy, St. Bernards v Salthill Devon B.
Corofin, Corofin Utd. v Colmanstown.
Annaghdown, Corrib Celtic v Dunmore.
Bohermore, Hibernians v Mervue Utd. B.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4th
Andy King U-16
(All games at 6.45 p.m.)
Dunmore, Dunmore v Corrib Rangers.
Mervue, Mervue Utd. v Athenry.
West Park, Moycullen v Oranmore.
Millers Lane, Salthill Devon v Riverside Celtic.
Renmore, Renmore v St. Bernards.

Mervue United
Lotto 25/8/02 Numbers Drawn
6 - 9 - 10 - 29

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NO JACKPOT WINNER THIS WEEK

3 Match 3 Winners €115: Audrey Faherty, c/o Victor; Noel Boyle, c/o HP; Peggy Crowe.

Sellers Prize: Gary Craven

THIS WEEKS JACKPOT €11,800

Next Draw takes place on Sunday, 1st September in The Huntsman, College Road, Galway

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Next Week's Jackpot €5,800

NUMBERS
11 - 13 - 16 - 18

NO JACKPOT WINNER

1 match 3 €200: Sharon Ruane, c/o Brendan.

Sellers prize: John Keane

Next Week's Draw in Doc Watsons, Westside

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