

SENTINEL SPORT



IN CONTROL ... Old Ground's Benny Fahy launches an attack despite the attentions of Renmore's Brendan Lambe during Saturday night's Premier Division clash.

McDonald's header earns Boys' Club their second Lillis Cup in five years

O.L.B.C.....2 :: West Coast United.....1

CONTESTING their fifth Jack Lillis Cup Final in succession, the holders, Boys' Club retained their title as two second half goals saw them come from behind to win at Terryland Park on Sunday.

However, by that stage, the game should have already been beyond their reach as some wayward finishing by the Tullycross based side was to cost them dearly.

West Coast United — no strangers to success themselves having won the league and Cup double in Division 2A last season — literally played for only 50 minutes as they were overrun for the majority of the second half.

A lively contest ensued from the opening moments as first Club's Jason Curran was denied by 'keeper, Jim O'Neill while at the other end, Brendan O'Malley was wide with just Martin McDonagh to beat.

After Curran was upended in the area, Kieran Daly's spot kick was firm but ill-directed as a swift counter attack was set in motion following the rebounds from a post. However, Paul Gannon couldn't find a way past McDonagh, before the goalkeeper performed a similar denial minutes later.

A Gannon pass set up Daniel King but his shot lacked power before West Coast finally got a reward for all their endeavours. Gannon's break looked to have been foiled by Arthur McWilliams but the rebound fell kindly for the striker as he made it 1-0 for the Connemara side after 32 minutes.

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The Weekly Forecast winners were Colin Gibbons, David Naughton (16 Pts). Jackpot not won.

Four minutes after the restart, Gannon turned provider as he set up King but he chose a subtle approach when power was required and McDonagh saved. It was their last real act as an attacking force.

Club took over and after Anthony Curran has a header disallowed, they squared matters on 64 minutes. Jason Curran chased a long delivery and played on as the West Coast defence hesitated. His cross was finished to the net by Brian O'Halloran with a fine header.

Despite some stout defending from Andy Mortimer, Joachim Lydon and Richie Flaherty, the West Coast rearguard was breached once more. Devlin struck his 72 minute corner to the far post and P.J. McDonagh responded magnificently to the challenge as he rose high and powered a header home through a crowded goalmouth.

O.L.B.C.: M. McDonagh, Kearins, Dodd, Daly, McWilliams, Devlin, A. Curran, B. O'Halloran, J. Curran, Ward, E. O'Halloran. Reserves: P.J. McDonagh for E. O'Halloran, Nash for Ward. West Coast United: J. O'Neill, Keane, Mitchell, Mortimer, Lydon, Flaherty, M. O'Neill, O'Malley, King, P. Gannon, Hurley. Reserves: G. Gannon for O'Malley, Keane for King, Sheridan for Hurley. Referee: P. Flaherty.

Mervue United's u.15s rally gallantly after opening half nightmare in Evans Cup

Mervue United.....2
Leicester Celtic.....5

IRISH Manager, Mick McCarthy and Mervue United boss, Mike Shaughnessy both had similar problems in their most recent outings.

McCarthy saw the error of his ways by the interval after central defenders, Breen and Harte were torn to shreds by Batistuta and Ortega and the replacements ensured a more competent second half performance.

Shaughnessy had to impose a similar type of surgery as a 4-0 interval deficit didn't really tell the whole story. The introduction of Dara Ryan and David Cummins was the beginning of a new revolution and in an outstanding second half performance, Mervue outscored their Dublin visitors by 2-1.

A place in the final of the SFAI U.15 Evans Cup was at stake and any sign of a home capitulation disappeared six minutes after the restart when Derek Heffernan and John Lester's full bodied clash

almost sent the ball into orbit as home spirits were lifted.

By this stage they had already pulled one back after Kevin Fitzpatrick had linked up with Mark Boyle before firing past Forest bound goalkeeper, Barry Roche.

From there until the end, the home side dominated but by giving away four opening half goals by Robert Doherty, Donal Patterson, John Lester and Colm Gargan they just had too much ground to make up.

Under 15 international 'keeper, Roche showed his prowess with superb saves to deny Peter Mernagh (twice), Fitzpatrick and Heffernan (free kick) before Michael Tierney was off target from close range.

Following a Dara Ryan corner

on 68 minutes, Keith Ryan scrambled it over the line to pull it back to 4-2 after which Kieran Boyle was denied by the crossbar with a header. It was Leicester who had the final say as Aidan O'Keeffe tapped home the rebound after O'Neill had saved Lester's initial drive.

Mervue United: O'Neill, Fitzpatrick, Duffy, O'Gorman, Geary, Heffernan, M. Boyle, Ward, Tierney, K. Ryan, Mernagh. Reserves: D. Ryan for Geary, Cummins for Ward, K. Boyle for Tierney.

Leicester Celtic: Roche, Dolan, Renwick, Coleman, White, Kerin, Patterson, Lester, Doherty, Delton, Gargan. Reserves: Doyle for Patterson, O'Keeffe for Gargan, Boyle for Kerin.

Referee: J. Howley.

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Galway United.....2
Longford Town.....0

GALWAY United ended a fluctuating and ultimately disappointing season on a high note when dismissing bottom of the table Longford Town at Strokestown Road on Friday night.

Don O'Riordan's side poor start to the First Division campaign came back to haunt them despite threatening to catch Limerick for the promotion play-off place when the league resumed at the end of February.

United owed their victory in the team's last outing of the league to two mistakes by the home side — the first coming on 55 minutes when Longford keeper Anthony Keenan gifted Ollie Neary a simple tap-in.

Longford's agony was completed just on full time when Chris Malone lost possession to Ryan Lucas who raced clean through before finding the target.

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