

SENTINEL SPORT



Renmore complete successful league programme in style!

Renmore 4
 Olde Ground 1

THE scoreline, the win, the result, were all irrelevant as Renmore played out their last game of the season. The hard work had been done as manager Dermot Coll had already led them to the Premier Division title and on Saturday evening it was a time for celebration as the silverware was collected.

Elizabeth Hynes, daughter of the late Brod Trill did the honours and a man who has taken no part in recent outings, John Walsh, collected the trophy on his crutches following his recent leg break.

His acceptance speech was witty, complimentary and elongated and only for the intervention of referee, Martin Hynes' red card and John Carr's jibes, the crowd would have been there until dark.

Dermot Coll got a first team place, as Benny Fahy rattled home his first goal of 1998. Right full, Damien Joyce at least had some excuse as he fired home his first of the season, while Eoin Keane at last had the radar installed as he notched two.

Tony Crowe's penalty for Olde Ground never looked like spoiling the fun as it finished 4-1 in the champions favour.

Now, if you include the European Champions League (Junior) success in Prague, two season ago, that's five major trophies won by Renmore in the last three seasons.

Now who was that tipster that indicated that they would struggle in his pre season look to the future!

Olde Ground 1
 Mervue United 3

With just one other league game against fellow relegation candidates West United to be played, a win was vital for Mervue in order for them to push their rivals into the bottom two of the Premier.

The home side, with little to play for, were pretty well outgunned on the night as goals from Barry Crowley, Liam Hession and Kevin Fallon gave Mervue a 3-1 success with Tony Crowe getting the Shantalla side's lone reply.

Mervue United 3
 Bohemians 1

This time last season, Bohemians were blazing a trail as they tracked and achieved a trio of trophies.

However, for some time, the bottom has fallen from their challenge, and with their Premier League and Connacht Cup titles already gone, the Joe Ryan was their only opportunity of success.



AWAY ... Renmore's Phil Jacobsen and Old Ground's Tony Derrane are in the thick of the action during Saturday night's Premier Division game.

Well, on Sunday morning, Mervue indicated just why they are the form side as two goals from Liam Hession and another from Mathias O'Malley saw them run up a 3-0 lead.

A late Franny Keady goal was of little consolation to Bohs as Mervue ran out deserving winners and now face Moyne Villa in the decider.

JOE RYAN CUP FINAL

Originally this tie was fixed for Friday night, but because of Mervue's big league tie with West on Sunday, it was rescheduled for Wednesday night.

However, for various reasons, amongst them shortness of notice, the final has been diverted once more and will not take place for at least ten days.

BALLYGLASS

Congratulations to manager, Jarlath Moran and Ballyglass,

as the Mayo league side reached the semi-final of the Guinness FAI Junior Cup.

Last Sunday in a quarter final replay, a goal from the penalty spot by Ray Prendergast gave them a 1-0 win over Dublin side WFTA.

If the semi-final is played at a neutral venue, Terryland is the obvious choice as Ballyglass face the holders Fairview Rangers with the tie down for decision next Sunday.

Incidentally, Moyne Villa twice recorded victories over Ballyglass this season, once in the Connacht Cup and another in a friendly.

FIVE-A-SIDE

The second annual Lee Fleming Memorial 5-a-side takes place in Castle Park on the weekend of May 9/10.

Entry forms are available from Eric Connolly, 158 Castle Park, Phone: (091) 756609.

The tournament will be played over two days on the Castle Park pitch and has both men's and women's competitions.

LOCAL ACTION

Last Season, Salthill Devon won just a couple of games in the Premier Division and disappeared into the First Division.

There it would have been easy for them to languish for a few seasons. However, the appointment of the seasoned Steve Hynes as manager saw an early season focus with promotion the only target.

Three training sessions a week concentrated the mind even more and now, eighteen games later, Hynes and his assistant Gerry Stiffe have delivered.

For Salthill Devon collected the First Division trophy after a Mike Keating goal gave them a 1-0 win over UCG at Dangan and in the process, killed off the students' chances of promotion. McDara, as runners-up, now join Devon in the Premier for next season.

- Mike Rafferty

Loughnane's goal is not enough!

A goal from Mervue United's Henry Loughnane was not quite enough to give the Connacht Senior League victory over their Leinster counterparts in the Michael Ward Trophy semi-final at the Farm Curraheen Road, Cork on Saturday.

The goal which was deserved on the run of play arrived after 31 minutes, but Leinster hit back twice after the break from Declan McDonnell and Thomas Clarke to secure a place in the final against the Ulster Senior League who went on to take the trophy. The Connacht squad, who were younger than the others, gave their all. The tournament next year is in Letterkenny.

Connacht squad: Padraic Lally (Mervue Utd.), Lee Maher (NUIG), Noel McDonnell (Mervue Utd.), Alan Joyce (Mervue Utd.), Kieran Foley (NUIG, Capt.), Damien Brennan (Mervue Utd.), Aidan Forde (Galway Utd.), Ger Cassidy (NUIG), Richie Dunne (NUIG), Michael Quirke (Galway Utd), Henry Loughnane (Mervue Utd.), James Muldoon (Ballina Town), Shane O'Loughlin (NUIG), David Goldby (Mervue Utd.), Barry O'Sullivan (Mervue Utd.), Peter Waldron (NUIG). Manager: Mike Long (Mervue Utd.), Asst. Manager, John Clarke (NUIG).



The Renmore soccer team who captured their second Premier League Championship in two years. Back row (left to right): John Walsh (non-playing captain), Mike Noone, Eoin Keane, Ciaran Conneely, Alan Corcoran, Maurice Kelly, Dermot Coll (manager). Front row: Benny Fahy, Damien Joyce, Noel Greaney (vice-captain), Phil Jacobsen, Paul Gallagher.

Crescent United Lotto

Numbers Drawn
4 - 6 - 18 - 24

(26/4/1998)

NO JACKPOT WINNER

6 Match 3 winners £20 each: Fintan O'Malley c/o Lantern Inn, Charlene Gannon c/o Cookes, Oliver Loughreay, 255 Castle Park, Bridie Creane c/o John Creane, Tom Costello c/o Thermo King, T. Walsh, 58 Rathlyin Glebe.

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