

SENTINEL SPORT



Salthill Devon, back row (left to right): Paul Reidy, David Silke, Kevin Cassidy, Shane Cox, Mark Cobey, Joe Reilly, Donagh Moraghan, Martin O'Connell, Paul Fadden. Front row: Jimmy Nolan, Paul Fitzpatrick, Ronan Silke, Rodney Grant, Tommy McDonald, Pat Kent, Kenny Gavin.

Renmore, back row (left to right): Kevin Carr, Eoin Keane, Paul Langan, Aidan Grealish, Noel Greaney, Dave Samuels, Mike Noone. Front row: Alan Corcoran, John Walsh, Paul Gallagher, Benny Fahy.

Renmore spring a surprise by holding Salthill Devon

Salthill Devon 0
Renmore 0
 (After extra time)

A POWERFUL performance by Renmore surprised many as they held a fancied Salthill Devon side to a scoreless draw in the AIB Connacht Senior Cup final at Terryland Park on Saturday night. Favourites Salthill Devon rose to the occasion and only for a spell in the second half did they look like the senior side.

The opening half was pretty forgettable as attacks at both ends always seemed to break down at the edge of the area with just a Jimmy Nolan piledriver saved by Aidan Grealish the only exception.

Judging by their performance at the start of the second half, one can just assume that some choice words were directed at the Salthill performers at the interval.

They were more direct in their approach and while they might have shaded it in terms of possession, they certainly created the better chances.

On 46 minutes, after a build up on the right, Ronan Silke fired badly wide. Five minutes later, an absolute outstanding save by Grealish kept Renmore in the game.

This time David Silke's cross was met by Pat Kent and his volley had goal written all over it from 12 yards until the keeper got down low to his left to scoop it away - shades of Gordon Banks.

He was in action soon again as he tipped over an effort from Rodney Grant. It wasn't all one way traffic as Renmore, while not having as many direct efforts on goal, caused a lot of problems for the Devon rearguard.

Most of their attacks saw passes directed behind the defence but the outstanding Kevin Cassidy gave little scope to the foraging Paul Langan or Benny Fahy.

Fahy, enjoying one of his best outings, was at the hub of their best moves and the introduction of Ciaran Conneely on 61 minutes gave them added width. Devon keeper Mark Cobey regularly had to act as sweeper as he denied Fahy, Langan and Eoin Keane in turn.

The closest either side came to breaking the deadlock came on 70 minutes. Kenny Gavin took Kent's pass in his stride and despite been pushed wide by Grealish, his effort from a tight angle was taken off the line by John Walsh.

In injury time, Kent failed to get the vital touch to Gavin's cross, while Cobey had to dive at the feet of Langan to deny him.

Extra time was dominated by Renmore as Alan Corcoran and Dave Samuels held sway at midfield over a tiring Tommy McDonald and Rodney Grant.

Despite Joseph Reilly giving them a little depth on the left, they struggled with the pace as the junior side produced all the nice touches and individual flair.

Langan and Fahy had further opportunities denied before the latter was just wide of the far post with the last chance of the match.

Round one certainly went to Renmore but they weren't rewarded for their efforts, but the big question is will Salthill be as inept again.

Salthill Devon: Cobey, Silke (R.), Fitzgerald, Cassidy, Nolan, Silke (D.), McDonald, Grant, Moraghan, Kent, Gavin. Reserves: Reilly for Moraghan (75 mins); Cox for Kent (90 mins); Reidy for Cassidy (100 mins).

Renmore: Grealish, Noone, Gallagher, Greaney, Walsh, Keane, Samuels, Corcoran, Carr, Langan, Fahy. Reserves: Conneely for Carr (61 mins); O'Donnell for Samuels (107 mins).

Referee: Kevin Loftus (Mayo).

- Mike Rafferty.



In Control . . . Salthill Devon's David Silke has first run on Renmore's Keith Carr in this incident from Saturday's Senior cup Final.

Corrib Rangers u-15s crash to superior Home Farm outfit

CORRIB RANGER'S big day turned into a nightmare as a very organised and talented Home Farm ran riot in the under 15 Evans S.F.A.I. National Cup last weekend.

Scoring in the third and seventh minutes, they stamped their authority all over the pitch and even though Rangers pulled back a goal through Eoin Pól things deteriorated in the second half. Had Alan Walsh's shot gone inside the far post just on half-time things might have been different. But alas three further goals put paid to any chance Rangers had.

League champions Rangers can now look forward to the under 15 Connacht Cup semi-final against Roscommon Town to get back to winning ways.

Last weekend Rangers under 16s reached the cup semi-final when they overcame Moyne Villa with a brilliant David Gilmore header from a Martin O'Connor corner. Best for Rangers were Robert Smyth, Paul Murphy, John Hynes, Martin Keady and David Smith.

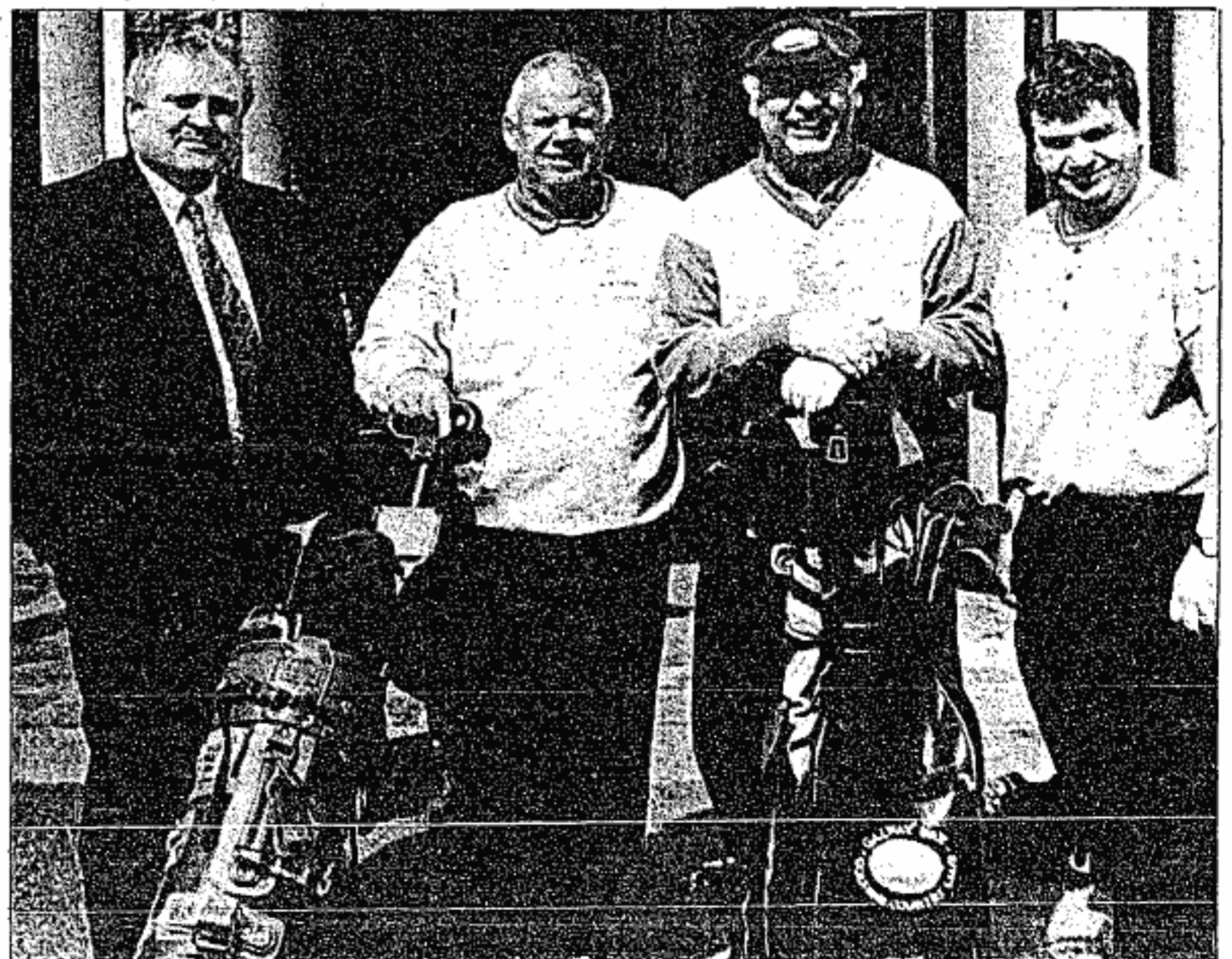
The under 13s also reached the cup semi-final by totally dominating Moyne Villa and running out easy winners. Stars for Rangers were Gerard Curran, Simon Duffy, John

Furey and Gerard Keane.

In the under 12 Cunningham Cup Rangers kept in touch with

a creditable 1-1 draw against a fancied Athenry side. Ger Daly scored a penalty for Rangers

while others to shine were Joe Hession, Paul Conneely and Francis McGinley.



Taking part in the West West Golf Society outing at the Galway Bay Golf and Country Club, were: Enda O'Rourke, Tennents (sponsor) Stan Shields, Connacht Tribune; Professional Christy O'Connor Junior and Iain McDonald.