

# Hectic Activity As Salthill Leagues Get Underway Again

The Salthill Annual Under Age Leagues at Under 9, Under 10 and Under 12 got under way over the weekend and there was an impressive array of up and coming young talent on view for the opening ties. The Leagues, postponed from earlier in the year due to inclement weather and unavailability of grounds, are already living up to the traditions of former years with the weekend contestants showing spectacular dash and commitment in order to follow in the footsteps of other players who commenced their football in a similar fashion.

This year the youngsters taking part from the areas of Highfield, Glenard, Whitestrand-Devon, Ardnamara and Knocknacarra have the added privilege of having well-known referees officiate at the games with a report card being compiled after each game for the organising committee.

The Under-9 and Under 10 games are being played at Pearse Stadium on Saturday mornings with two games handled simultaneously while the Under 12 fixtures take place on Sunday morning at Knocknacarra Field and Dr. Coulihan Grounds.

## UNDER 12

Whitestrand-Devon ..... 2-1  
Highfield ..... 1-4

In a highly entertaining game both sides had to contend with a strong down field wind. Whitestrand-Devon compiled their total in the first half while Highfield got all theirs in the second due to the strength of the wind. A draw was perhaps a fair result as both sides are well-balanced and eager to do well in the series and the diversion of the points will wet their appetites for the next outings.

Whitestrand-Devon: Brian Clancy, Liam Niland, Hugh McDonagh, Ciaran Ruane, Gerry Ruane, Tony Murphy, Michael Cox, Sean Og Dunleavy, Michael McManamon, Liam Murray, Bernard Egan. Subs: Carl Hargrove, Eoin Murray, Ciaran Dunleavy, Brian Hannify.  
Highfield: Shane Foley, Frank Ford, Tony Haddock, Ciaran Haddock, Manus Mitchell, Martin McGlacken, David Harrington, Brian McSweeney, Denis McSweeney, Gary O'Grady.  
Referee: Mr. Kieran Muldoon.

Knocknacarra ..... 6-6  
Glenard ..... 1-2

The Knocknacarra boys, champions from Under 10, are a good strong powerful side with lots of talent and they easily overcame the Glenard challenge despite the hard work of Michael Marron and Dylan Ryan. Knocknacarra's best were John Kilraine, Alex Costello,

Neil Dooley, Bill Rafferty and Colm Fahy.

Knocknacarra: Noel Holland, John Kilraine, Nigel Diskin, Alex Costello, Bill Rafferty, Neil Dooley, Ultan Connolly, Frankie Sullivan, Declan Sherlock, Colm Higgins, Colm Fahy. Subs: Loman Caulfield, J. F. Sullivan, Michael Feeney.

Glenard: James Brady, Ken Coogan, Michael Marron, Sean Hanley, Justin Ryan, Noel Fitzgerald, Dylan Ryan, David Thornton, Donal Howley, Eddie Moloney, Ian Thornton.  
Referee: Ger Conway.

## UNDER 10

Knocknacarra ..... 3-2  
Glenard ..... 3-1

Knocknacarra looked quite impressive in the first half when they built up a seven point lead but Glenard, the reigning Under 9 Champions from last year, got going with great gusto in the second half and really took the wind from the sails of their opponents with three rapid goals when all seemed lost.

The dying moments of the game were full of tension and excitement as Knocknacarra came back to deny the Glenard boys the equaliser they sorely needed. Stars for the winners were: Neil Finnegan, Ivor Duggan, Michael Gallagher, Mark Lenihan and Aidan Moloney, while Donal Howley, Dylan Ryan, Ian McCloskey and James Brady played well for Glenard.

Knocknacarra: Michael Doyle, Rory McLoughlin, Michael Gallagher, James Kilraine, Niall Finnegan, Mark Lenihan, Ross Kavanagh, Kevin Cleary, Ivor Duggan, Aidan Moloney, Paul McGranahan.

Glenard: Aengus Flavan, James Brady, David Thornton, Stuart McCormack, Ian Thornton, Dylan Ryan, Donal Howley, Aidan Fogarty, Brendan Hanley, John Kissane, Ian McCloskey. Subs: Gerard O'Donovan, Alan Fives.  
Referee: Mr. Seamus O'Grady.

## OTHER RESULTS:

Under 10:—  
Highfield 2-3  
Whitestrand-Devon 2-1

Under 9:—  
Highfield 8-2  
Whitestrand-Devon 2-0

## FIXTURES:

Saturday at Pierce Stadium: Under 10 at 10.00 a.m. — Knocknacarra v Ardnamara, Glenard v Highfield.  
Under 9 at 10.45 a.m. — Knocknacarra v Ardnamara, Glenard v Highfield.

Sunday at 11.00 a.m. — Under 12 — Knocknacarra v Ardnamara at Knocknacarra Field, Glenard v Highfield at Dr. Coulihan Road.

# Galway Rowing Club Look To The Future

Galway Rowing Club held their annual general meeting in the clubhouse on Wednesday night last. The purpose of this meeting was the election of officers and committee members for the coming year and the following were duly elected.

President, Mr. Paddy Lally; Vice-president, Mr. Jack Duggan; Treasurer, Mrs. Phyllis King; Hon. Secretary, Miss Carmel Elwood. Captain, Mr. Willie Forde. Vice-captain, Mr. Miley McGrath. Committee members also include: Mr. John Nolan, Mr. Anthony Folan, Mr. Anthony Walsh, Mr. Tom Tuohy, Mr. Sean Fox, Mr. Sean Noone, Mr. John Hughes and Miss Anne-Marie Wright.

After reflecting on a very successful year the President, Mr. Paddy Lally said that with a little bit of extra effort from the incoming committee there was no reason in the world why the 1981-82 season would not prove to be the best ever in the club's history.

Club captain, Willie Forde hopes to start the ball rolling with a rowing

meeting to be held in the clubhouse on Monday night next, Oct. 5th at 8.30 p.m. This meeting is open to all intending oarsmen and women.

On Friday night last in the clubhouse, a very special presentation was made to the club by the Woodquay Residents' Association to mark the surprise victory the club had at Nottingham regatta on June 28.

Prior to the presentation Mrs. Sheila Jordan spokesperson for the Association spoke of the need to preserve and keep in tact the wonderful area of Woodquay, and how the rowing club down through the years had always done their bit towards this aim.

She added that she hoped the strong ties between the Galway Rowing Club and the Residents' Association would remain in the future and that they would both continue to help one another out. A beautiful statuette engraved with the Nottingham dates was then presented to the club president.

# Democrats Face New Season

**CITY BASKETBALL side, Democrats, begin their National League campaign this weekend when they play host to Limerick outfit St. Colm's at the Brothers of Charity gymnasium in Kilcormac Training Centre, Clarinbridge.**

Democrats will be looking for a good start to the season and have already begun their preparations with two months of intensive training and have just returned from the Sligo All-Stars Blitz in Collooney.

The Sligo blitz, if nothing else, gave a fair indication of the direction which Irish basketball is taking, with most of the first division sides in Ireland joining the 'Mail Order Yanks Campaign' which has now all but transformed the game in this country from an amateur to a semi-final professional sport.

Under the new and 'enlightened' philosophy in the game at first division level, no team can hope to raise its standard or achieve even a modicum of success unless it is willing to offer financial inducements to former college basketball from the U.S. to join them for a year's 'experience' in Ireland.

The latest and by far the most impressive of these imports were unveiled by St. Vincents (Killarney) at Sligo when two black Americans, 6' 6" plus in height and built to match, helped the Kerry side to a rather facile victory in the tournament.

Meanwhile, 'down under' in the second division, the home grown players continue to play the game without the help of such superstars and while the fare may not be as spectacular, the game at this level is often just as skilful and never lacks in the way of home-grown entertainment value.

Democrats will be missing star players Kieran Murphy, Vinnie O'Keefe and Pat Forde this year, but they have managed to build up a team which is a most cohesive unit and should go a long way towards emulating the fine form of the club last year.

# Indoor Soccer Championships

The Furbo Soccer Club are at present planning their fifth indoor soccer county championship which begins in Teach Furbo on October 27.

Indoor football has been played at this venue since 1977 and has become very popular with teams from all parts of the county.

This year the committee hope to have in excess of 100 teams entered for both the men's and ladies' tournaments when the closing date is reached on October 9.

Once again all games will be refereed by Galway F.A. referees who have been in charge of all tournaments since indoor football began in Furbo.

Sunday's game is sure to be played at a very fast pace as St. Colm's fast — breaking tactics, revealed at Tuam blitz, two weeks ago are sure to be countered by something resembling the same technique by the local side.

The tough training techniques of coach, Serge Bruzzi and the fine form shown by John Finn, James Burke and Brian Lally along with a rejuvenated Ivan Griffin, will give Democrats ample justification for optimism about the coming season and they will, no doubt, be anxious to start the season on a winning note on Sunday.

# Mixed Luck For Renmore

Renmore enjoyed mixed luck in two hurling matches against Mervue on Sunday morning. In a very exciting under-10 match they defeated their neighbours by three points but in the under-12 match Mervue were victorious.

There is a return match fixed for the under-10s next Saturday; the Renmore team should be at the pitch at 10.15 a.m.

Meanwhile, it is hoped to start the Renmore hurling leagues, under-8, under-10, and under-13 shortly.

# Renmore's Fine Win

TUAM CELTIC ..... 0  
RENMORE ..... 5

Renmore's visit to Tuam in the Jim Murphy Cup paid off with a fine win. Renmore with the strong wind behind them were slow to settle and in this period Tuam looked impressive, but as the strong midfield of R. Stephens, A. Knight and R. Duffy got control Renmore were pushing forward, then a cross by P. O'Brien was tapped home by M. Melia. Tuam's defence of E. Newell, P. Halion and B. Halion were keeping Renmore at bay and clearing well. In the 15th minute Renmore increased their lead when from a free M. Noone found the net. Just before half time this lead was further increased when M. Noone picked up a clearance by J. Burke and found the net from a close range shot.

In the opening period of the second half Tuam aided by the wind were doing some hard pressing and the Renmore defence were on top with D. Owen and J. Burke putting in fine tackles. H. Burns in goal for Renmore made two fine saves at this vital stage. A shot from P. Henry was smothered by the advancing Burns when it seemed he had to score, the other save was from a long shot by G. Lee, had goal written on but was tipped over the bar. Renmore came back again at Tuam as D. Kenny, B. O'Mahoney and P. O'Brien were putting it together up front and causing confusion in the Tuam backs and allowed A. Knight to score twice in five minutes despite good backing by the Tuam defences of S. Finnegan and T. Burke.  
Ref: J. Gleeson.

# One Way Traffic As Mervue Blast Home Seven Goals

MERVUE UNITED ..... 7  
DUBARRY APPACHIES ..... 0

ONE WAY TRAFFIC, to put it mildly, would describe Mervue's simple passage to the next round of the competition, when they completely outclassed an almost non-existent Dubarry Appachies challenge in this first round Connacht Junior Cup game played at Mervue on Sunday afternoon.

Mervue, unbeaten so far this season were never in trouble and must regard this encounter as mere target practice with no opposition whatsoever from the Ballinasloe visitors.

Ray Durnin in particular thrived in the circumstances and finding himself free on the right wing he supplied the initial pass which led to four goals and scored the last goal from the penalty spot himself.

Michael O'Dowd, at right full also had an outstanding game and was without doubt man of the match. He was always willing to come forward and such willingness payed off when he raced from his backline to score goal number three.

His brother Sean, too, had a fine game at centre forward along with Kevin Smyth, Pat Lowry and Ger Healy.

Johnnie Walsh tried hardest for the Ballinasloe side with good support from Tom Walsh and Bill Joyce to lesser extent. Dubarry started on the attack and should have scored when Tom Walsh put Noel Mannion through on the right but he failed to control the ball and Gabriel Higgins in the Mervue goal collected at ease.

In the 10th minute Jarlath Connolly raced from his own backline, passing to Sean O'Dowd on the left hand side. O'Dowd slipped the ball to Joseph Healy but John Kelly blocked his shot at the expense of a corner. Kevin Smyth headed Ray Durnin's resulting flag kick to the back of the net.

Ten minutes later another Ray Durnin corner kick was again in the back of the net — this time it was Michael O'Dowd who nodded the ball home from close range.

Immediately afterwards Sean O'Dowd and Ray Durnin exchanged passes on the right wing with Durnin crossing the ball to Ray Ryan who headed past a helpless John Kelly in the Dubarry goal.

Goal number four came from a 25th minute penalty kick taken by Jarlath Connolly after Ger Healy had been taken down. Then just before half time Ray Ryan collected another Ray Durnin corner kick and slipped the ball into the path of Jarlath Connolly who made no mistake to put Mervue 5-0 ahead.

The second half was just ten minutes old when Sean O'Dowd found Ray Ryan lurking on the edge of the area and his shot at goal came off a defender before entering the net.

At this stage Mervue replaced Jarlath Connolly and Ray Ryan with Georgie Fagan and Kevin Fallon, and minutes later Joseph Healy was brought down in front of goal but Pat Lowry's spot kick was brilliantly saved by John Kelly in the Dubarry goal.

Michael O'Dowd, in one of his darting runs, was brought down by the same defender in the 75th minute and the Ballinasloe player duly got his marching orders. Ray Durnin blasted the spot kick to the top of the net to complete Mervue's scoring spree.

Mervue United: Gabriel Higgins, Pat Lowry, Michael O'Dowd, Ger Healy, Tom Fox, Kevin Smyth, Joseph Healy, Jarlath Connolly, Sean O'Dowd, Ray Durnin and Ray Ryan. Subs: Georgie Fagan and Jarlath Connolly and Kevin Fallon for Ray Ryan.

Referee: Steve Mannion.

# Tonights Dog Card

CARD for tonight (Tuesday) at 8.15 p.m.:

First Race (325 yards): Corrib Lass, Black Joe, Kilbrennan Spark, Kybo Coast, Frozen Fortune, Ellas Mist. Reserve: Blankety Blank.

Second Race (325 yards): Fossabeg Lass, Top Own, Julies Tina, Drimeen Guide, Black Tape, Chess Board. Reserve: Young Line.

Third Race (525 yards) — Blarney Town Sweepstake (Heat 5): Knuckle White, Intinto, Some Revelation, Glendale Lady, Flaggers High, Noreen's Twist.

Fourth Race (525 yards) — Blarney Town Sweepstake (Heat 6): Ballinderry, Bicycle Chain, Platt Champion, Forgotten Times, Kind King, Brown Miller.

Fifth Race (525 yards) — Blarney Town Sweepstake (Heat 7): Fossabeg Dasher, Goirtin Diamond, Clounanna Jet, Mount George, Chicken Man, Kilmihill Prince.

Sixth Race (525 yards) — Blarney Town Sweepstake (Heat 8): Auteenvan Glider, Ballygasty Star, Viva The Bridge, Rosewell, Ready Boy, Friars Lough.

Seventh Race (525 yards): Kitty West, Olly's Dolly, Drumkeen Hero, Peruvian Kitty, Coolarne Lass, Chefs Mint. Reserve: One For Kybo.

Eighth Race (525 yards): Dawn Shoot, Miss Pops, Munadubbh, May Maggie, Flying Nina, Leahy's Lass. Reserve: Spooky Wonder.

# Soccer Fixtures

CONNACHT SENIOR LEAGUE

SATURDAY

Tuam 3.30 p.m. Tuam Celtic v Castlereas.

SUNDAY

Mervue 3.30 p.m. Mervue United v Salthill Devon.

CONNACHT JUNIOR CUP

SUNDAY

West Park 3.30 p.m. Castle United v Carrolls All Stars (M. Mannion).

PREMIER LEAGUE (Allied Irish Banks)

Renmore 12 noon, OLBC v Furbo (N. Mulqueen).

Mervue 12 noon, Mervue Celtic v Mervue United (J. Keedy).

Moylough 3.30 p.m. Moylough v Salthill Devon (N. Hardiman).

Abheyknockmoy 12 noon, St. Bernards Utd. v Digital Utd. (G. Flaherty).

Bohemian Park, 11.30 a.m. Bohemians v Renmore (G. Younger).

Tuam, 12 noon, Tuam Celtic v Dynamo Blues (I. Gleeson).

FIRST DIVISION

Athenry 12 noon, Athenry v Bank of Ireland (M. Murphy).

Menlough 3.30 p.m. Doonwood Hammers v Abbey United.

Redemptorist, Pitch, 11.30 a.m. Thermo King v West United

# Galway Races

October Meeting 1981

MONDAY, 5th OCTOBER

Ulster Bank Maiden

TUESDAY, 6th OCTOBER

Lombard & Ulster Bank Steeplechase

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD IN THE ROVERS CLUBHOUSE

AT 8.30 p.m.

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1981

All are welcome to attend.

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