

SENTINEL SPORT



At the Galwegians Ruby celebrations to honour the senior and junior teams from the 1958/59 season who both completed league and cup doubles and won the inaugural Glynn Cup were: Seamus McEvoy, Dr Joe Costello and Gerry McLoughlin, President of Galwegians RFC.



At the Galwegians Ruby celebrations to honour the senior and junior teams from the 1958/59 season who both completed league and cup doubles and won the inaugural Glynn Cup were: Brod Long, Arthur Anderson, son of H.J. Anderson first Galwegians RFC President and Ralph O'Gorman.

Renmore set to reclaim crown but lose Walsh through injury

ON a weekend that Renmore all but clinched the Western Hygiene Supplies Premier Division as a result of their 1-0 win over second placed Bohemians, fate struck them a cruel blow as one of the game's finest gentlemen John Walsh suffered a broken ankle that will keep him out of action for the rest of the season.

As well as been a very accomplished central defender where his partnership with Noel Greaney was one of the best in the league, his loss to Castlegar hurling club will also be immense as they bid for county honours.

Indeed the past few weeks have been rather destructive in the injuries department as Senan Smith (OLBC), Mike Connors (Colmanstown) and Brendan Collieran (NUIG) all find themselves recovering from broken legs.

Another player out of the game due to a knee injury is Kiltullagh striker: Sean Murphy. The Oscar Traynor marksman is to have an operation during the summer and his absence from the Kiltullagh front line has seen them suffer greatly in the goal stakes as they struggled without their playmaker.

BOHEMIANS 0
RENMORE 1
ONLY Moyne Villa and Hibernians - due to the large amount of games they have in hand pose a threat to Renmore's quest for a second Premier League title in three years.

On Sunday at West Park a late goal from Alan Corcoran clinched a vital victory as second placed Bohemians hopes of retaining their title have now disappeared as they are 11 points behind Renmore with just three games left.

Despite the final outcome Bohs went out with all guns blazing. With Mark Foian and a roving Kevin Joyce solid at the back and the outstanding Robbie Walsh and Mike Ralph creative in midfield only a lack

of firepower up front thwarted a lot of good work elsewhere.

In the opening half just a drive by Walsh from outside the area that went wide off a post threatened Martin Greaney's area as Paul Gallagher's and Noel Greaney's stout defending protected the route to goal.

Renmore too had their moments in attack. The trusty left boot of Cieran Conneely was always behind their best moves, but along with Benny Fahy and Paul Gallagher they failed to test Tom Power in the Bohs goal.

With a win absolutely necessary for Bohs they went chasing the game and while they shooed little penetration in attack they began to leave gaps at the back.

Nine minutes from time Conneely released Corcoran and with just Power to beat he hammered it low past the unprotected goalkeeper. In a similar situation moments later Eoin Keane tried the subtle approach but sent the effort over the crossbar.

The win now leave Renmore requiring three more points to be certain of winning the Premier title.

MERVUE UNITED 1
HIBERNIANS 4
SINCE Christmas Mervue United and West United have blazed a trail as they attempt to get away from the relegation zone. How ironic then that they both lose on the same day after both recorded a long unbeaten streak.

Mervue will probably use the excuse that their Connacht Junior Cup celebrations went on a little too long, it didn't prevent them taking an early lead as Liam Hession put them in front.

However, Hibs with Dermot McSweeney back in central midfield after a long absence began to get a grip on proceedings and a brace from McSweeney added to by striker Tommy Ward saw the visitors gain a 3-1 advantage at the break.

With Hibs giving youth a fling Michael Harty, Gary Coyne, Eddie S. Ward and Patsy

McDonagh were all part of the finishing eleven that kept Tony Cooke busy as he pulled off a string of saves. However, there was little he could do to prevent Vinny Flaherty notching the fourth as Hibs ran out 4-1 winners.

For Mervue the result means they still languish in second last position, but two games in hand over rivals West United gives them a little breathing space. However, the meeting between these two sides could virtually decide in itself who goes down with St. Bernards.

CRESCENT UNITED 4
WEST UNITED 1
CRESCENT made sure they didn't suffer any post cup final blues as they put four past a relegation threatened West United.

The win should also ensure their own Premier survival as a defeat would have seen them overtaken by West United.

It was quantity not quality as regards the goals scored as three of the four were close range efforts with John Keogh firing home a brace after assists from John Fahy and Paul Cooke, with Joe Creane also notching a duo.

His first seemed destined for the arms of goalkeeper Mike O'Toole until a divot changed its course for the opener, and it was Keogh who laid on the last for another close range effort.

Joe O'Toole got West's lone reply on a day that they never sparked and loss through injury of Tommy Keane was a severe blow.

KILTULLAGH 3
ST. BERNARDS 2
TWO first half goals from Kevin Coughlan and Noel Earls gave Kiltullagh what seemed a commanding interval lead against a side that required victory in order to prolong their Premier stay.

The Abbeyknockmoy side then played their part in an exciting contest as Kevin McWalter set up John Dunne for the opener, with Tommy Ryder squaring matters from a free kick.

However, Kiltullagh, needing points themselves to ensure

their own survival, notched the matchwinner as John Leahy fired home for a result that means St. Bernards are to be relegated a year after their promotion from the First Division.

The remaining Premier Division tie down for decision between Moyne Villa and Olde Ground in Headford was called off by the match referee when Olde Ground were late arriving at the venue after the appointed kick-off time.

FIRST DIVISION

JUST like the tie in Headford, there was no game either at Millars Lane where relegation threatened Knocknacarra failed to show for their Derby clash with promotion seeking Salthill Devon.

The decision concerning the outcome of both ties now lies with the Galway F.A.

As Salthill now wait for the official response to the outcome, McDara took advantage to move back to the top of the table as a result of their 2-0 win in Moylough.

UCG with five games in hand on the leaders continue to my and play catch up and at Dangan they were 3-1 winners over Corrib Celtic with Jeremy Skillington (2) and Liam Cashel getting the goals as they now move into third place behind Salthill Devon and McDara.

DIVISION 2A

WHAT once seemed an unassailable lead has gradually drifted away as Corofin United begin to look over their shoulders. They suffered their second loss in succession as Athenry and Na Furbeacha closed the gap at the top.

AGS Palace were 2-0 winners over Corofin, as Na Furbeacha won 4-2 against Tuam Celtic, while Athenry moved into third spot as a result of their 5-0 win over Kilshanvey. Loughrea also suffered a setback going down 1-0 at home to Mervue United B.

DIVISION 2C

DAVID Hennaghan got the matchwinner as St. Patrick's defeated Oranbay 90 'B', 1-0 as they maintained their top of the

table position alongside Renmore 'B'.

Kinvara, who lead the chasing pack, were 5-1 winners over Gurteen, while Loughrea 'B' and St. Colman's shared the spoils in a scoreless draw.

COLGA 3

COLMANSTOWN 2
A RESULT that throws the destiny of the Olympic Sports Division 2B wide open as leaders Colmanstown lost a two goal interval lead as the home side hit three after the break to snatch it. These two sides now compete with Dunmore for the two promotion spots.

Goals from Brian Costello and Damien Concannon gave Colmanstown a 2-0 half time lead. However, an early penalty converted by Sean Corcoran restored home confidence and when Ray Mullins was switched from his normal goalkeeping duties to a striking role he rewarded Colga with the equaliser to tie it at 2-2.

However, prolific scorer Corcoran sealed matters as he collected on the edge of the area before turning and firing home the matchwinner and his second of the game.

CONNACHT SENIOR LEAGUE

FOLEY and Mullery Connacht Senior League leaders NUIG maintained their lead at the top of the table following their hard earned 2-1 win over Sligo Rovers at Dangan.

It was Sligo who got the only goal of the first half as Paul McGroarty hit the opener. The students were having difficulty in breaking down the visiting defence in which regular first teamer, Dutchman Peter Cubbesson was outstanding.

However, it was ironically a Sligo native - James Joyce who made the breakthrough for Colleege with JohnDiviney providing the matchwinner with a long range effort.

Holdes Mervue United were dealt a cruel blow in their quest to retain the title as two dropped points away to Ballina means that they are depending on NUIG to drop points on the little run in.

It was Ballina who made the

early breakthrough when Trevor Underwood put them in front but a late equaliser from Tom Burke ensured a share of the spoils in a 1-1 draw.

Mervue, with games in hand, are now depending on other clubs to take points off the students as they must win their outstanding ties.

However, any slip ups by either side could result in Straide & Foxford nipping in to take the title as they are very much part of the race for Premiership honours.

Salthill Devon were comfortable 3-1 winners over St. Peters at Millars Lane with Kenny Talbot, James Cox and Anthony Kelly getting the goals for Devon and Keith Sullivan replying for the Athlone side.

Galway United meanwhile were 2-1 winners over Manulla while Castlebar Celtic had a similar margin over Gentex.

SCHOOLBOYS

NEWCASTLE 2
BELVEDERE 2

A LAST minute penalty save by goalkeeper Thomas Durnin from a Mark Quigley spot kick sent this SFAI Under 12 Norton Cup tie into extra-time at Westside on Sunday.

As neither side could break the deadlock thereafter it means both sides must do it all over again in a replay in Dublin.

Belvedere, a well established soccer nursery in the capital, looked the most creative side for the duration, but this strong Newcastle side certainly made them earn their draw at the end.

It was the home side who made the breakthrough on 14 minutes when Declan Murphy fed Stephen O'Donnell and he fired the pener past the advancing goalkeeper. When a similar situation arose minutes later - the normally reliable O'Donnell slipped it the wrong side of the post.

However goals from Quigley - direct from a corner and Gary Mulligan put Belvedere 2-1 ahead before a late revival sparked by Pdraig Lee saw John Carroll fire home from close range following a Conor Clery corner to tie it at 2-2.

Column compiled by Mike Rafferty.