



FLASHBACK . . . to a previous clash at the Markets Field as Galway United winger Johnny Gaynor finds his path blocked by Limerick defender Mick Ryan and Eoin Hand.

Renmore Are Just Deprived Of Community Games Gold Medals

Renmore, the Connacht representatives in the Community Games finals at Butlins, Mosney, Co. Meath last week, covered themselves in glory by bringing home the silver medals after a narrow defeat in the national final by Farranree (Co. Cork). Renmore had earlier beaten Ulster champions Letterkenny in the semi-final and qualified for Mosney through their victories over Ballinaloe in the Galway final and over Sligo and Athlone in the Connacht semi-final and final respectively.

Renmore 1
Letterkenny 0

This semifinal was played on an excellent surface in beautiful weather conditins. Renmore were quick to settle down and had the Donegal side pegged down in their own half in the early stages. It was no surprise when after just ten minutes of play the Galway side went ahead.

The goal came about in unusual circumstances. The Letterkenny goalkeeper was rolling out the ball when it went a little too far out of his reach and the lurking Mahoney was in like a flash to put the ball into the net.

Minutes later it should have been two nil, when good work by Corcoran got Walsh away on the right wing. The latter beat two men before crossing into the box, but with the defence beaten Mahoney shot wide of an open goal.

After this let off Donegal came more into the game up to half time whistle which sounded shortly afterwards.

Throughout the second half Renmore had to fight a rearguard action and only looked dangerous on breakaways. However, their defence was superb and soaking up everything Donegal threw at them.

In the other semi-final Farranree (Cork) beat Dublin by two goals to nil and looked very impressive in doing so.

Farranree 1
Renmore 0

Renmore aided by a very slight breeze opened as they had done in the semi-final and carried the game

to the opposition. They had an excellent chance of taking an early lead when they gained a free kick on the edge of the penalty area but the usually accurate Mahoney put it wide of the posts.

At this stage Renmore were producing all the football and it was only some last ditch tackles by Farranree that saved them from conceding a goal before half-time.

On the resumption the pattern of the game remained much the same with the play swinging from end to end.

Then with just over three minutes left in the game tragedy struck for Renmore when there was a mix-up in the defence which allowed Cork to snatch a dramatic late winner.

Over the two games the Renmore defence was brilliant with Benson, Burke, Noone and Knight all performing heroically, not forgetting Duffy in goal who had a marvellous competition.

Higgins and Ward were terrier like in their tackling and the amount of ground they covered was astronomical.

Renmore can take consolation from the fact at the very begining of this competition over two hundred teams took part. It was a great achievement by the Galway side whichg proves that the talent and the standard is as high as anywhere else.

Renmore panel: J. Duffy, C. Benson, M. Noone, J. Burke, A. Knight, R. Duffy, G. Wade, J. Higgins, D. Corcoran, K. Walshe, B. O Mahoney, D. Bligh, D. O Brien, B. Greary.

A very enjoyable party was held in Ard na Creg on Friday night at which the players received their plaques for winning the Connacht final. Each player was presented with plaques by his mother.

Bernard Shapiro thanked the parents for their wonderful co-operation throughout the competition and hoped that they would maintain their interest in their sons' playing careers.

Mrs. Mary Burke on behalf of the parents thanked Mr. Shapiro and Joe Keating for the amount of time and dedication they gave to the team. She then presented each of them with beautifully inscribed tankards from the parents of the children involved.