

# SWINFORD SNATCH FINAL PLACE

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Fortune favoured the brave as Swinford secured a place in the Connaught Youths (under-18) Cup final for the third time in the space of ten years.

They fashioned a surprise victory over Renmore at Galway on Saturday with second-half goals by Alan Dunleavy and Terry McNulty.

Now they will face either Mervue United or Salthill Devon in the final at Terryland Park next month.

But Swinford were forced to live on their nerves for the entire first half of a memorable semi-final tie.

Renmore enjoyed eighty per cent of the possession, hit the upright three times and the crossbar twice.

Brendan Conneely, Brian Duffy, Gareth Stephens and Paul Clabby were the Renmore players who were denied by the woodwork.

Swinford, however, came into their own in the second half and dominated the first twenty minutes of the period.

They took the lead in the 65th minute when Alex Durkin broke into the Renmore area and blasted a left-footed driver past Renmore 'keeper Gareth Greally.

With fifteen minutes remaining Swinford increas-

ed the margin. Man of the match John Ring delivered a perfect pass for ace striker Terry McNulty to slot into the net.

Renmore, to their credit, pressed hard in the final stages and reduced the margin with five minutes remaining when Stephens burst through for a goal.

But it proved too little, too late.

Swinford last won the title in 1982 when they overcame Strand Celtic at the Showgrounds, Sligo.

Renmore: G. Geary, R. Masterson, N. Fallon, G. Kennedy, K. Fox, B. Kennedy, G. Stevens, O. Noone, B. Duffy, D. Clabby, N. McCaffrey.

Swinford: J. Dunne, T. Gallagher, M. Halloran, A. Moran, J. Ring, P. Cunney, M. Murtagh, A. Dunleavy, B. Grealy, T. McNulty, D. Ronane. Res. D. Regan (for Murtagh, inj.), J. Grealy, M. Costello, D. Kelly.