

St. Mary's College R.F.C.

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| AIDEN WHITE | 15 |
| ANTHONY GILLEN | 14 |
| VINCENT CUNNINGHAM | 13 |
| PAUL CONLON | 12 |
| ARTHUR MCEVOY | 11 |
| GEAROID DOYLE | 10 |
| SEAN O'BEIRNE | 9 |

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| BRIAN KEANE | 1 |
| MIALL O'KELLY | 2 |
| CONOR O'BRIEN | 3 |
| KEVIN POTTS | 4 |
| STEVEN JAMESON | 5 |
| KARL EGAN | 6 |
| (CAPTAIN) NOEL MCCARTHY | 7 |
| DECLAN FANNING | 8 |

Subs: JOHN CARVILLE, STEPHEN TRACEY,
PHILIP KENNY, DEREK GILLEN,
PETER MCGIOLLARIGH

Simply the Best



Lansdowne R.F.C.

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| 15 | BRIAN POLAND |
| 14 | JOHN SEXTON |
| 13 | PAUL CLINCH (CAPTAIN) |
| 12 | BRIAN GLENNON |
| 11 | GARETH AHERNE |
| 10 | SHANE BUCKLEY |
| 9 | FERGUS AHERNE |

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| 1 | TOM CLANCY |
| 2 | WILLIE BURNS |
| 3 | ANGUS MCKEEN |
| 4 | VINCENT RYAN |
| 5 | PAUL O'CONNOR |
| 6 | GRANT WHITE |
| 7 | CHARLIE QUINN |
| 8 | NOEL MANNION |

Subs: NOEL DOWNER, PADDY MADIGAN,
DES FITZGERALD, PETER PURCELL,
ANDY DOYLE

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Thank you Ryans for your generous sponsorship
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in Limerick this season.

Referee: OWEN DOYLE (A.R.L.B.)
Touch Judges:
Pat O'Keeffe (A.R.L.B.) & David Nelson (A.R.L.B.)

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Lansdowne lucky as Mary's miss

ST. MARY'S..... 10 LANSDOWNE..... 13
LANSDOWNE moved into the top three in division one of the All Ireland League, when they survived a tense finish against St. Mary's College, which saw the latter's full-back, Stephen Hennessy, strike an upright with an injury time penalty at Templeville Road yesterday.

The victory puts the headquarters club two points off the pace set by Constitution and Garryowen at the top of the table, with two games left. St. Mary's, on the other hand, remain in the relegation zone, third from the bottom.

What a difference it would have made had Hennessy's late 30-metre penalty not caught the right upright. It was unfortunate for the experienced full-back, who had been brought in as a late replacement for Aidan White, as he struck his kick well in the difficult windy conditions.

But Lansdowne probably just about deserved to take the two points, if only because of an outstanding second half match-winning try scored by left-wing Garrett Aherne. Earlier, they had seen St. Mary's recover from a 9-0 deficit to lead 10-9.

DOMINATION

Few could have anticipated that St. Mary's comeback, after Lansdowne had dominated the first half. Playing with the advantage of the strong wind, Lansdowne went nine points clear with three penalties, two from out-half Shane Buckley and another by scrum-half Fergus Aherne.

But St. Mary's put themselves back into contention shortly before the break with a try from left-wing Arthur McEvoy following an excellent blind-side movement, and then struck again.

Vincent Cunningham, looking very much the part of an international centre, raced through for a try to the left of the posts after St. Mary's had scrambled possession from a scrum. When Hennessy landed the easy conversion to make the score 10-9, the ball was now clearly in St. Mary's court.

For a time, the signs were good, with their forwards winning the better possession but Lansdowne regained their composure to put together a superb movement which brought the match winning try from Garrett Aherne.

After right-wing Peter

By KIERAN ROONEY

Purcell was stopped, out-half Buckley appeared to have taken a wrong option, but he managed to slice through and combine with centre Brian Glennon before Aherne raced over.

St. Mary's College — S. Hennessy; A. Gillen, V. Cunningham, P. Conlon, A. McEvoy; G. Doyle, S. O'Beirne; B. Keane, N. O'Kelly, C. O'Brien, K. Potts, S. Jameson, K. Egan, D. Fanning, N. McCarthy (capt). Sub. — P. MacGiolla Riogh for Doyle (10 mins).

Lansdowne — B. Poland; P. Purcell, P. Clinch (capt), B. Glennon, G. Aherne; S. Buckley, F. Aherne; T. Clancy, W. Burns, A. McKeen, V. Ryan, P. O'Connor, G. White, N. Mannion, C. Quinn.

How they stand

ALL-IRELAND LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Garryowen...	6	5	0	1	96	55	10
Con.....	6	5	0	1	100	66	10
Lansdowne..	6	4	0	2	90	78	8
Ballymena...	6	3	1	2	84	60	7
Shannon	6	3	0	3	69	70	6
Instonians...	6	2	1	3	68	89	5
St. Mary's...	6	2	0	4	78	76	4
Wanderers...	7	2	0	5	74	102	4
Malone.....	7	1	0	6	66	129	2

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GARRYOWEN.. SHANNON.....

THE SIEGE of Limerick swashbuckling at Ballinacorney into insignificance a struggle at Dooradoyle.

And the nett effect of a fierce confrontation watched by committed congregations. Garryowen are now 10 points behind Constitution at the head of the league.

Both are on 10 points after six matches to go, Garryowen at home to Instonians in Belfast and Wanderers in Carrigrohane.

DECISIVE

Then follows on the 10th meeting of Garryowen and Limerick, which quite possibly will be a decisive game in the first round of the AIL.

Garryowen won the first round of the AIL with a penalty goal from the full-back, Smith in reply to Shannon's first and penalty goal.

Yesterday's match was a close affair with both sides giving a good account of themselves.

with the kick. But, to the dismay of many who called him a "banned" kicker, Shannon's decision to omit their ace kicker and outside

top in every phase, it was not so later, and added to it 10 minutes in the second period, which was

Tom Humphries

Flag lost, out-half Graeme Doyle through a wrist injury after 12 minutes. St Mary's took a while to discover their rhythm, but eventually broke upfield following a splendid clearing kick from replacement Peter Mac Giollaigh. Rough. With their first meaningful attack of the game they created aruck ten yards from the line. O'Donnell did some splendid running and found Arthur McEvoy on the outside to send the winger

Thereafter, the hall belonged to Lansdowne. They scored the try of the day after fifty eight minutes when Shane Buckley surprised the home defence by appearing to take the wrong option when settling off on a run. He broke Alan Ryan before relocating his line. Brian Glennon did well to maintain possession before working the ball to Garath Ahern to go over in the corner, finishing a move which covered 60 yards and the width of the field. Buckley allied with the conversion.

ST. MARY'S: S. Hennessy, A. Gilbert, V. Cunningham, P. Condon, A. McEvoy, G. Doyle, S. O'Sullivan, B. Keane, N. O'Kelly, C. O'Brien, K. Poole, S. Jamieson, K. Egan, N. McCarthy (capt.). D. Fanning. **Representatives:** P. Maclelle. **Prize for Doyle (12 minutes):**

LANSDOWNE: B. Polunin, P. Purcell, P. Clinch (capt.), B. Glenister, G. Aherns, S. Buckley, A. Aherns, P. O'Connor, W. Burns, A. McKee, V. Ryan, P. O'Connor, G. White, C. Quinn, N. Mannion.

Referee: D. Doyle (Lansdowne).

References — B Smith (MAG).

Templeville Road, Dublin, yesterday. — (Photograph: Paddy Whelan)

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round which their workmanlike pack revolved and Derek McAleese orchestrating their strategy from behind the screen. Ballymena were always purposeful, particularly in the tight. Their scrambling strength ensured that a steady stream of quality possession was channelled back, while their ability to vary their line-out plays caused problems for Malone.

Injured by half-time Ballymena had already scored the brace of points that boosted them into

Wind assisted they may have been but the out-half's coolness and accuracy gave Ballymena the necessary heart and encouragement to subdue Malone in the second half, when the visitors had the elements in their favour.

BALLYMENA — P. Runey, J. Johnston, M. Raftery, O. Smith, D. Smyth, D. McAleer, N. Raftery, S. Breen, S. Smith, B. McKenna, T. Loomy, S. Lusk, D. Loughlin, B. Robinson, W. Polley.

MALONE — C. Wilkinson, M. McAlister, M. Field, W. Harbison, N. Thompson, M. Niblock, S. Connors, R. Macleay, J. McDonald, M. Smyth, C. Morrison, G. Ellis, W. Duncan, S. Knapton, R. McBride.

RESEARCH D. Tennant (DYVSI)

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