

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



A. WHITE	15
A. MCEVOY	14
E. MEAGHER	13
R. HERNAN	12
B. KEALY	11
G. DOYLE	10
N. O'BRIEN	9

B. KEANE	1
M. CORCORAN	2
D. DOWLING	3
(CAPTAIN) K. POTTS	4
S. JAMESON	5
D. FANNING	6
N. MCCARTHY	7
B. POPE	8

Subs: J. CARVILL, S. HENNESSY,
A. N. OTHER, A. N. OTHER, D. GILLEN

Referee: D. TEMPLETON
Touch Judges:
E. PEMBREY & T. DOYLE



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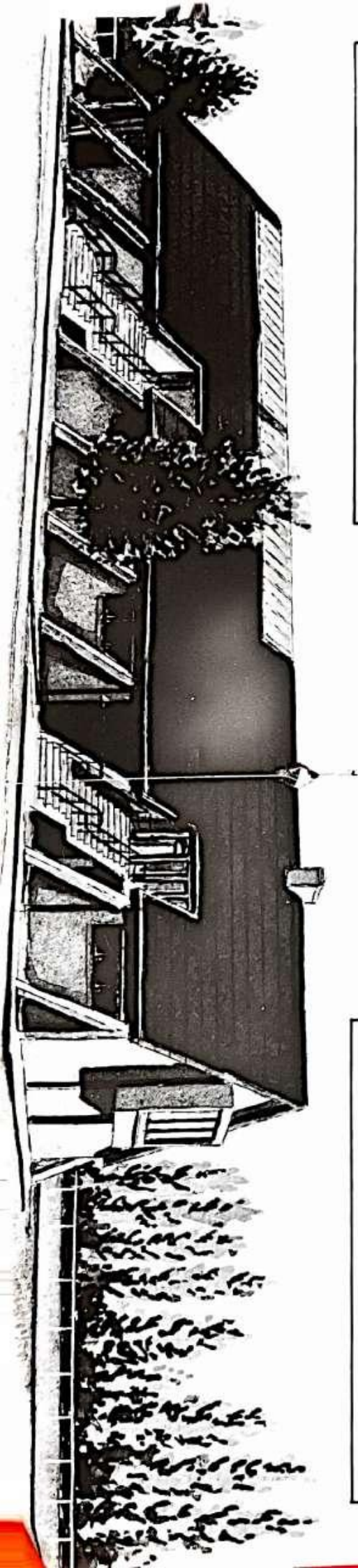
Garryowen F.C.

15 D. LARKIN
14 R. WALLACE
13 D. COSTELLOE
12 P. DANAHAR (CAPTAIN)
11 K. SMITH
10 N. BARRY
9 I. BARRY

1 P. SPAIN
2 K. WOOD
3 D. HENSHAW
4 P. SHEAHAN
5 R. COSTELLO
6 B. CRONIN
7 M. O'DONOGHUE
8 P. HOGAN

Subs: N. COLLINS, G. QUILLIGAN,
P. CLEARY, L. LANNEN, A. N. OTHER

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St. Marys make Garryowen pay the penalty

ST. MARYS.....18
GARRYOWEN.....13

By Colm Smith

IT was ironic that Garryowen should have conceded a penalty try which virtually destroyed their chances of victory in their opening match in the league against St. Marys in front of a couple of thousand fans at Templeville Road yesterday.

In their final match of the inaugural league last season it was just such a score that banished them to the runners-up position as Cork Constitution took the title.

They were forced to play a second fiddle yesterday to a staunch St. Marys pack which was marching to a pushover try midway through the second half.

The final option was to foul the Marys scrum half and Ulster referee had no hesitation in awarded the penalty try. Aidan White

whose performance at full back was as solid as that of the pack, had no difficulty in converting from in front of the posts.

At that moment Garryowen's problems were compounded when they had to pack down with a rearranged pack as they lost second row Pat Sheahan through injury and brought on flanker Daragh O'Sullivan.

The home margin thus rose to 15-3, a comfortable cushion which allowed them the luxury of a series of missed tackles as Garryowen tried in vain to rescue a hopeless situation.

In truth, Garryowen's problems began as early as the third minute.

The first of many Gea-roid Doyle up-and-unders caught the defence in disarray and tight head prop Derek Dowling capitalised on the confusion to burst over for a fine try.

White converted to register the first of ten per-

sonal points from two conversions, a penalty goal and the neatest of dropped goals allayed a moment of Marys anxiety ten minutes from the end.

Despite the dominance of the home pack, powered by the debut of mighty New Zealander Brent Pope at number eight and captain Potts in the second row, Garryowen had their chances.

Throughout the game Kenny Smith converted only two of five kicks at goal and a knock on at the line cost the chance of a try just before the break at which Marys led 6-3.

It was only when their backs were forced to the wall that we got a glimpse of the real Garryowen potential. They aired the ball from everywhere, exposing tackling weaknesses in the Marys defence.

They reaped a goal and a try, the latter on the stroke of full time and a dropped goal in the last 20



minutes but it was too little too late.

Apart from the penalty try, Marys also had a touchdown by Dowling with White adding the rest of the points from two conversions, a penalty and a dropped goal.

Garryowen had tries from Henshaw and Larkin, a conversion and a penalty goal from Smith.

ST. MARYS: A. White; A. McEvoy, E. Meagher, R. Hernan, B. Kealy; G. Doyle, N. O'Brien; B. Keane, M. Corcoran, D. Dowling, K. Potts (capt), S. Jameson, D. Fanning, N. McCarthy, B. Pope.

GARRYOWEN: D. Larkin; R. Wallace, D. Costelloe, P. Danaher (capt), K. Smith; N. Barry, I. Barry, P. Spain, K. Wood, D. Henshaw, P. Sheahan, R. Costello, B. Cronin, M. O'Donoghue, P. Hogan. Rep: D. O'Sullivan for Sheahan.

Referee: D. Templeton (Ulster Association).

Mary's power to easy win

ST MARY'S 18

GARRYOWEN 13

From Brendan Fanning at Templeville

ST MARY'S: A White, A McEvoy, E. Meagher, R. Hernan, B. Kealy, G. Doyle, N. O'Brien, B. Keane, M. Corcoran, D. Dowling, K. Potts (c), S. Jameson, D. Fanning, B. Pope, N. McCarthy.
GARRYOWEN: D. Larkin, R. Wallace, D. Costelloe, P. Danaher (c), K. Smith, N. Barry, I. Barry, P. Spain, K. Wood, D. Henshaw, P. Sheehan, R. Costello, B. Cronin, P. Hogan, M. O'Donoghue.
Referee: D. Templeton (Ulster)

THE manner of St Mary's defeat in Greenfields last week had everything to do with the way they would approach the battle against Garryowen yesterday. The gathering storm over the nature of John Muldoon's injury against Young Munster meant that when it came to confrontation, the only steps Mary's would be taking would be forward.

Their mood was clear from the aggression and spirit of their pack in the opening 20 minutes. But it was when things boiled over that they nailed their colours to the mast. Early in the second half a sustained bout of punching broke out between the forwards and a couple of backs. At the end of it all, referee Dennis Templeton spoke to the respective captains, Phil Danaher and Kevin Potts, and then to Mary's hooker Mick Corcoran.

The penalty was awarded to Garryowen and with it they decided to immediately re-engage the Mary's pack. The charge was abruptly halted and from the ensuing scrum, Mary's drove Garryowen off the ball. The point had been made - for if they buckled at that stage then a dash for the showers would have been as profitable as hanging around for the rest of the action. The psychological edge went to the home side and they held on to it firmly.

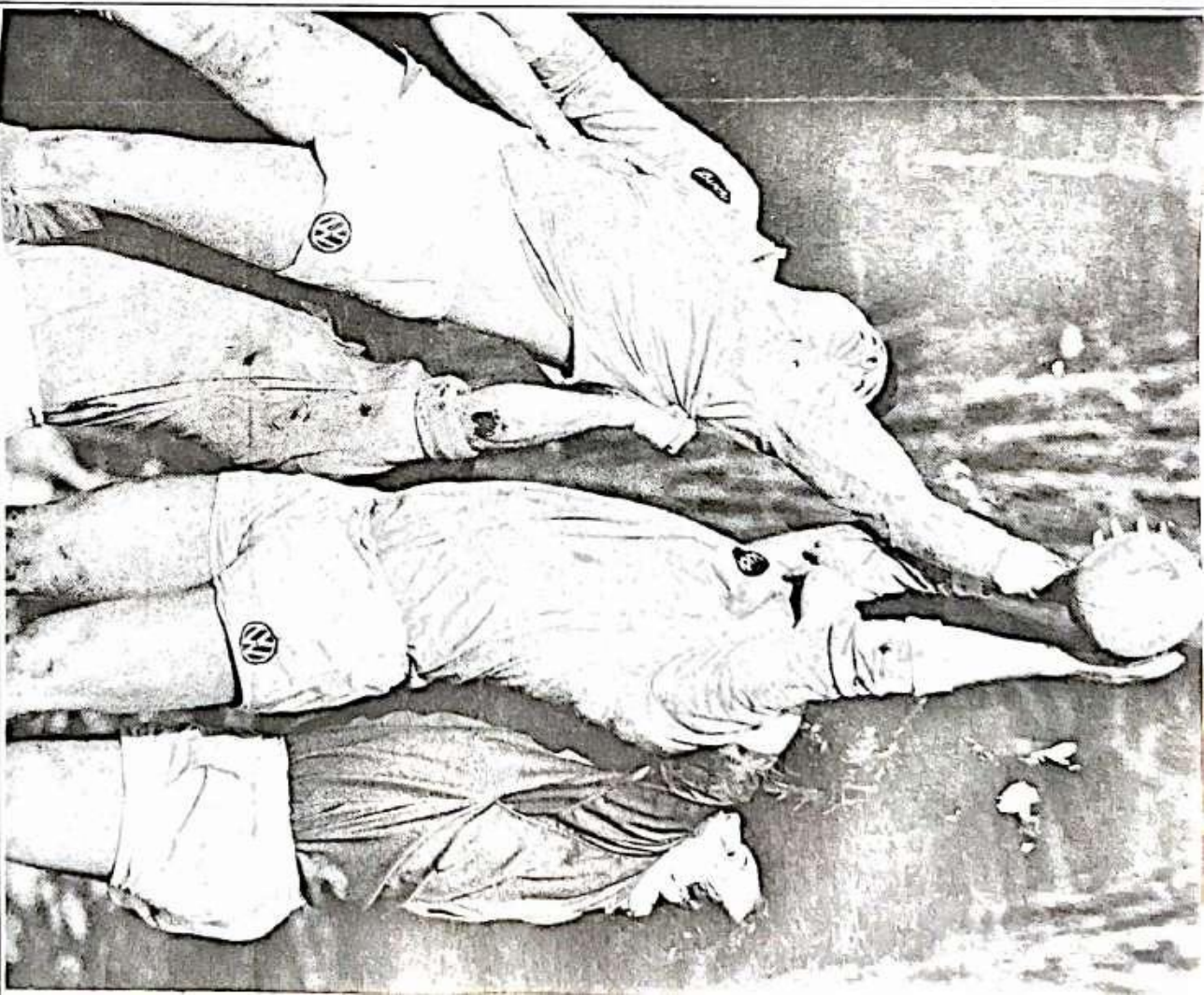
The score then stood at 6-3

to Mary's, a Babs Dowling try and Aidan White conversion to a Kenny Smith penalty constituted the first half scoring - and Mary's soon built on the lead with another White penalty before stretching it to 15-3 after 60 minutes. And the nature of that score indicated both where the luck and the power lay.

First Noel McCarthy, who had done an excellent job in curbing Garryowen peels at the tail of the line, drove in midfield to set up the ruck. From there Potts found himself in possession and in two minds. He rooted it down field and the ball reacted as if remotely controlled by the kicker, bouncing well in field and then scurrying conveniently for the touchline.

Mary's won the lineout - Garryowen second row Pat Sheehan was hurt in the ruck and had to leave the pitch just as his side had to defend a live metre scrum. Dara O'Sullivan came on quickly but having to rebuffle with Paul Hogan going into the second row didn't help. Mary's drove hard for the line and with Brent Pope's attempts to touch down came interference from Garryowen stragglers and Templeton was cheered all the way to the posts for the penalty try.

From then on it was always going to be an uphill struggle for Garryowen - in trouble regularly in the scrums, despite a Summer of re-



Garryowen's Richard Costello and Ben Cronin go higher than St Mary's Declan Fanning

which they moved the ball but needed a slice of luck to get them back in the hunt and it wasn't forthcoming.

But they used their possession well, particularly when they opted to run from deep, and their handling was top class. On several occasions they had Mary's severely stretched by the speed at

Their reward eventually came with a try for Davey Henshaw after he drove on another marvellous lineout take from Costello, but it came after so much effort and time. First Danaher, and then Richie Wallace were held up -

they needed the score quickly. And within four minutes of that try Mary's got the right rub again when another advancing scrum gave Gearoid Doyle the chance to drop a goal from close in with the aid of the upright. That left it at 18-9 and as Garryowen threw it left and right with speed the Mary's defence endured some severe discomfort.

THE last score, when it eventually came, did so in the 82nd minute of the match. Dan Larkin got in on the right after a tapped penalty but Kenny Smith failed with the conversion. It was not an important miss but his earlier inaccuracies certainly were. Two kicks from seven attempts behind a retreating scrum does not win trophies.

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