

Ben Kealy was once again Beective's top points scorer, although he missed two early kicks.

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ST. MARY'S.....23

INSTONIANS.....23

FORMER Irish wing Keith Crossan was the hero for Instonians, scoring three tries in an exciting friendly at Templeville Road. The home side were 13-5 in arrears at half-time, missing many of their regular players, including Aidan White, Nicky Barry and Vincent Cunningham.

But Mary's rose to the task after the restart in which the pack dominated to set up tries for Brent Pope and Kevin Potts.

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Three tries for Crossan

THE former Ireland winger Keith Crossan was in tremendous form for Instonians against St Mary's at Templeville Road on Saturday when he crossed for three tries in an exciting 23-23 draw.

The visitors led 13-5 at the interval but St Mary's, though short several key players behind the scrum, got the upper hand in the second period, mainly through the work of their pack.

Old Belvedere, the Leinster Senior League leaders, showed good form once again with a convincing 26-12 victory over Lansdowne at Anglesea Road. The home side led 10-6 at the interval and they were inspired in the second half by the appearance of their coach and former international back-row forward, Donal Spring, who came on for the injured Niall Maloney and had a considerable influence on the outcome.

Irish under-21 international scrum-half Barry Murphy kicked three penalty goals and converted a late try by their outstanding hooker Niall Brady following a great run by winger Willie Norse.

Mervyn Feely and Myles O'Reilly were the other try scorers for Old Belvedere and Lansdowne's Connacht outside half Eric Elwood contributed all his side's points from three penalty goals and a dropped goal.

Bective, unbeaten in the Leinster Senior League, outplayed Old Wesley 20-13 at Donnybrook with Ben Kealy making another contribution of 10 points with two penalty goals and two conversions.

Wanderers ran riot against UCD at Merrion Road, winning 51-13 and scoring 28 points without reply in the second period, having led 23-13 at the interval,

Neil Francis made a welcome return to senior rugby after a lengthy lay-off with back problems when he lined out with Blackrock against Cork Constitution at Stradbroke and, under the gaze of Noel Murphy, the big Irish lock dominated the line-out and came through the game unscathed.