

Barry to opt for Leinster

NICKY BARRY is declaring for Leinster.

The out-half has already informed the Munster selectors that he will not be available to them again this season and, following his recent move from Garryowen to St Mary's College, the news does not come as a surprise.

Barry turned out for Munster in their match against Saracens a few weeks ago but was dropped for last Saturday's opening Cara Interpro against the Exiles at Sunbury.

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While obviously unhappy at being dropped, the most important factor in his decision to declare for Leinster is that he has moved to Dublin.

Meanwhile, Leinster have done things differently, taking in a Scottish tour and an outing against the English Northern Division before opening their Cara Interprovincial campaign with a match against the Exiles at Donnybrook next Tuesday.

International winger Keith Crossan is in a 26 man Ulster panel who will prepare for the visit of the World champions Australia next month.

Crossan missed the recent short trip to England by Ulster as he wanted to engage in a few club games before making his decision whether to continue his long and successful Provincial career.

Seven-up for St Mary's

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ST MARY'S, making their first appearance in the competition, hit Monkstown with a seven try blast in the Smithwicks Old Belvedere Floodlit Cup at Anglesea Road last night.'

The result did not do justice to Monkstown's overall performance but some of St. Mary's counter-attacking from deep positions was breathtaking.

Irish International and former Munster outhalf Nicky Barry marked his debut for St Mary's with a try and two conversions.

The winners struggled for their 12-0 lead during the first half and they had tries by Vincent Cunningham and wing Gareth Halpin while Cunningham added a conversion.

However the second half was all oneway traffic as St Mary's turned on the power with further tries from the Hernan brothers, David and Ray, Declan Fanning, Barry and Cunningham again.

SCORERS — St Mary's: V Cunningham 2 tries, 2 cons; N Barry try, 2 cons; G Halpin, D Hernan, R Hernan, D Fanning tries. Monkstown 0.

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